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information.

Man who caused £10,000 damage to vehicles avoids a jail sentence | Plea over

Stalker tracked former girlfriend and damaged cars outside her home

By Lottie O'Neill

A MAN who stalked his ex-girlfriend, tracked visitors who came to her Harlow home and then caused damage totalling £10,000 to their cars when they were inside

has avoided jail.

Jon-Joe Knowles, 22, from
Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire,
appeared at Chelmsford Crown
Court last Friday to be sentenced.

Knowles, a self-employed plumber, met his ex-girlfriend in December 2016 and they went out on a couple of dates.

The relationship didn't go fur-ther until they met again early last year. They dated again until

last year. They dated again until the relationship ended around February 14. Knowles "found it difficult" to accept that the relationship had come to an end, and observed and tracked her from June until November.

During his tracking habits he caused damage totalling £10,000 to four different cars, three of which belonged to friends of his ex-girlfriend, and one – which he believed was owned by a visitor – turned out to belong to an inno-

cent neighbour.

One car which was damaged, was a new Fiesta which was only a few days old. The other cars included two other Fiestas and a Range Rover.
Knowles observed his former

partner's coming and goings, the people who were visiting her, and their vehicles

Mitigating, Mr Gritt, said: "He will never ever make contact with [his ex-girlfriend] again, but he acknowledges quite clearly [the restraining order will giver her in place. He is in a new relationship... of a few months. He wishes to express publicly apo-logies to all the victims and in particular, [his former girl-

Knowles admitted one count of causing reason for serious alarm, distress or harassment, three counts of damage to property under the sum of £5,000, and one

under the sum of £5,000, and one count of damage to property for the sum of over £5,000.

Judge Turner QC, sentencing Knowles, said: "[You're] responsible for quite a disgraceful campaign case of stalking, to which she was subjected between spring, middle of last year to November.

"As she said in her victim state ment, she was feeling helpless and anxious

"You had a couple of dates and a relationship in the middle of December 2016. You dated again in the new year (2017), and this stopped around February 14.

Difficult

"You clearly found it difficult to accept that the relationship would come to an end, by observing the coming and goings of the people who were visiting her, and their

'In respect of four of those individuals who were visiting her, one was not a visitor at all, it turned out to be a neighbour.

The judge then told the defendant that the damage to the cars

caused damage totalling £10,000. He sentenced Knowles to a 10 month prison sentence, suspended for two years for one count of causing reason for serious alarm, distress or harassment.

He also received two community requirements for rehabilitation of up to 30 days, as well as



Jon-Joe Knowles was handed a suspended sentence at Chelmsford Crown Court

180 hours of unpaid work for the benefit of the community in the next 12 months.

He was sentenced to pay £1,500 in compensation to his ex-girlfriend under the first count, and varying sums to the other vic-

One compensation claim was for £1,500, another was for £1,411, and he was ordered to pay £2.325

caused less than £5.000 worth of

Regarding the count of damage to property over £5,000, Knowles was sentenced to pay compensation to the victim to the sum of £1,500, which related to the new Fiesta.

Then, the judge ordered a restraining order which will be in place until a further order is put

The restraining order bans the defendant from contacting his ex-girlfriend, directly or indirectly by any means of communication, or cause another to contact her on his behalf

He is also not allowed to visit the area Cloverfield, Harlow, or the postcode CM18. If he breaches this as part of the restraining order, Knowles could face a prison term of up to five years.

rail line if homes bid goes ahead

A RAILWAY line would need to be extended to stop commuters from coming into Bishop's Stortford if plans for a new garden community in Essex are approved, councillors have said. Uttlesford District Council

(UDC) and Braintree District Council (BDC) are holding a public consultation on their joint

proposal to develop land near Great Dunmow, close to the A120. The proposals state that up to 10,000 homes could be built as part of the West of Braintree Garden Community. At a meeting of the Bishop's

Stortford Town Council planning and development committee last Monday, councillors discussed the new garden community.

The main issue for councillors was that even more commuters would travel into Stortford to use the town's train links if it is approved, adding to existing parking and traffic problems. Councillor John Wyllie said:

"If there is going to be any development along the A120 road, we should insist that the train line is extended and goes to Braintree and Dunmow.

"Bishop's Stortford has a very good rail service that people will travel from Braintree and Dunmow to use and they will park in Bishop's Stortford.

"They must extend that train line to stop commuters coming into Bishop's Stortford. We must insist and push for the train line to be extended. It is great on a weekend when they come in to Bishop's Stortford and spend money but not on a weekday." Councillor Keith Warnell, who

is not a member of the committee but attended the meeting, said: "Four and a half million people come through Bishop's Stortford station a

He compared the number of people using the Bishop's Stortford station to Harlow saving that "only a million" go

through the station there.

The consultation on UDC and BDC's joint proposal for the West of Braintree Garden Community runs until 5pm on January 22.

plans, go to braintreeconsult.limehouse.co.uk

Teenager is charged after incident outside nightclub

A TEENAGER from Harlow has been charged after a number of police officers were assaulted on New Year's

Three officers were assaulted during the incident, which took place on Anchor Street, Bishop's Stortford, some time between 2.10am and 2.30pm on Monday, January 1. A 19-year-old man is said to have

become "abusive" and "threatening" after reportedly being ejected from a venue, allegedly assaulting the officers when they attempted to restrain him.

Ellis Wyatt, 19, from Hollyfield in Harlow, has been charged with three counts of assaulting a police officer in the execution of their duty, and four counts of causing fear or provocation of violence under Section 4 of the Public Order Act

The teen will appear at North East Herts Magistrates Court on Wednesday January 31

Hertfordshire Constabulary



The alleged assaults took place on **Anchor Street**

received nearly 2,500 calls over the New Year festivities this year, a slight increase on last year.

Elsewhere in the region New Year's celebrations were also marred by

An 18-year old man was stabbed to death in Larmans Road in Enfield, just one mile from Waltham Cross Station.

■ Meanwhile a fight among "young drunks" broke out outside a kebab shop in Ware, during which a 21-year old man was punched in the face and hit with a bottle.





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The poem Elegy for Briggens has appeared on

Poetry expresses concern for estate

A GUERRILLA poet has penned a dire warning of what could be lost if a proposed quarry is built on the Briggens Estate.

The site off the A414, between Stanstead Abbotts

and Roydon, could be mined for 500,000 tons of gravel every year over a 22-year period.

However, a poem entitled "Elegy for Briggens" has been mounted on a signpost in the fields mourning the future loss of the "wheat fields" and

the "birds and bees".

In November, Hertfordshire County Councillors voted to include The Briggens Estate near Roydon in its draft "local minerals plan", which determines where minerals can be extracted from for building work in the county.

The site is included in the draft local minerals plan as a "preferred site" – meaning permission "might reasonably be anticipated" for a quarry.

The plan is designed to ensure enough building materials are available in the county to meet housing demands in the future.

A public consultation on the draft plan is currently underway.

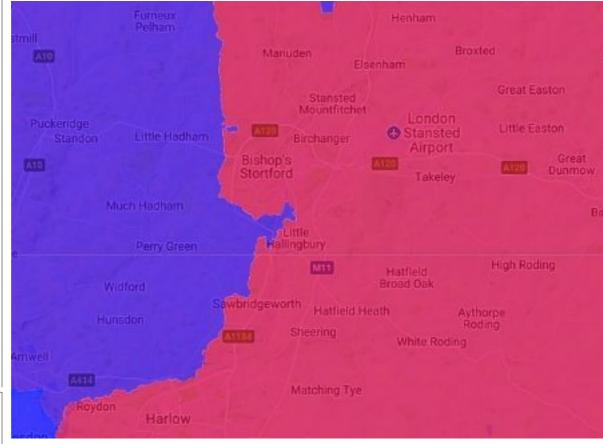
A spokesman said: "Hertfordshire County Council is preparing a new Minerals Local Plan. As the Minerals Planning Authority for Hertfordshire, the county council is required to plan for future minerals supply and maintain an up to date document."



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Flu bug is hitting harder here than in rest of UK

Heatmap shows our towns are among worst affected areas



Some areas of East Herts and most of Essex are experiencing a 'very high' number of flu cases

By Harriet Clugston

TOWNS in East Hertfordshire and Essex are among the worst affected areas in the country for seasonal flu

outbreaks, according to an online flu surveillance system.

In a heatmap of the UK, Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted Mountfitchet, Dunmow, Harlow and the surrounding villages are all col-oured red, indicating "very high" reports of flu.

The map – which covers all types of the bug including the deadly Aussie flu strain - is updated every three

The borough of Broxbourne and the Potters Bar area of Hertfordshire are in a less bold shade of red, indicating fewer reports of flu but still some

The data from the FluSurvey man is used by researchers at Public Health England, the London School Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Mir-

ror Online reports.

Any member of the UK public is

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE WINTER BUG

He said that while the effectiveness data for this year's flu is not yet available, he hopes the vaccine will provide "reasonable

they saw excess mortality and other

Dr Pebody said the flu vaccine is currently the best preventative

protection" against Australian flu.

What are the symptoms of flu?

Professor Paul Cosford, medical

director at Public Health England,

said: "As we would expect at this

"Our data shows that more

time of year, flu levels have increased this week.

■ What is Australian flu?

There are two main types of flu - A and B.

The winter bug known as H3N2 – a subtype of influenza A – has been blamed for more than 300 deaths in Australia, with about 170,000 cases in total

There was said to be "standing room only" at some A&E departments Down Under that became inundated with people struck down by the illness.
It was the largest outbreak seen in

Australia for some time.

Dr Richard Pebody, acting head of respiratory diseases at Public Health England, said: "In Australia

report flu-like symptoms they may be

experiencing during the winter

Health England confirmed that cases

of flu have been on the rise in Hert-

fordshire and Essex over the past few

However, a spokeswoman for Public

months.

H3N2.

measure for flu

able to register on the platform to Data released by the government department showed that flu cases in

There were 27 cases of patients presenting to their GP with flu-like symptoms per 100,000 of the popu-

people are visiting GPs with flu symptoms and we are seeing more people admitted to hospitals with

the flu.

"The vaccine is the best defence we have against the spread of flu and it isn't too late to get vaccinated

"People suffering with flu-like symptoms should catch coughs or syniptions sinclude catcher coughts of seneezes in tissues and bin them immediately, wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water and frequently clean regularly used surfaces to stop the spread of flu.

"Avoid having unnecessary contact with other people if you or they have symptoms of flu.'

Hertfordshire were up considerably on the previous year.

lation in the seven days to Sunday December 31.

This compares with a rate of 18.9 per 100,000 in the same week last year.

It comes after the news that the

deadly H3N2 strain of flu, responsible for hundreds of deaths in Australia, had arrived in the UK.

A414 shut after tree toppled by power cables

THE A414 was closed in both directions because of a fallen tree between the junction for the M11 and North Weald that brought down power cables.

The incident which happened on Thursday, affected traffic travelling between Chipping Ongar and Harlow.

Power engineers worked to repair the damaged cable that affected

customers in the surrounding area The power cut happened at 2.19pm.

A statement said: "There is currently a power cut in this area Our engineers are working hard to fix it as quickly as possible. We are sorry for any trouble this may have caused you.'

The gusts were thought to have reached speeds of up to 40 mph.

Arrival of ten babies at Princess Alexandra Hospital makes it a joyful start to 2018

Proud families celebrate a very nappy new year

By **Huw Wales**

IT WAS a busy day in the mater nity ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital on New Year's Day as ten new babies were welcomed into the world.

The first baby born at the hosnital in 2018 was Charlie Worster born to parents Sarah Buck, 25, and Ben Worster, 26, arriving just

before 3am.
Proud mum Sarah, who comes from Waltham Abbey, said that Charlie had been due on December 28 - but had arrived slightly late, although just in time for the new year celebrations.

She said: "It was really great at Princess Alexandra, everything

was amazing."
Charlie, who is their second child, is already loved by his older

brother Sidney, two.
Sarah said: "He loves it – he wants to help out with everything.

"His (Charlie) big brother picked his name for him. It could have been worse!"

Another new arrival was Albie Hornett, whose mum Daniella Clarke, 24, and dad, Lee Hornett, welcomed him into the world at

Albie was an early comer, born two weeks before his due date.

Daniella, of Buntingford, said: "We are happy he was born on New Year's Day, even if he was just under two weeks early."

The name Albie was picked to fit with the couple's two older children, Frankie and Lilly, three

and one respectively.

Daniella said: "It's just a name we liked and it just fitted with the other children's names too."

One child who was born on New



Gracie Laura Kathleen Hutchings, who arrived on January 1 at Princess Alexandra Hospital

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name - in honour of their moth-

er's grandmother. Gracie Laura Hutchings was born at about 11pm, making her a new year's baby with only an hour

to spare. Her mother, Lois Eldred, 29, said: "I was very close to my nan and her middle name is taken from my late nan in her

memory. Lois and her partner Mark Hutchings, 42, have had three children together, all born at Princess

Alexandra Hospital. She was full of praise for the Year's Day had a special middle hospital, saying: "We just made it

for a New Year's baby, I wasn't in very long. I got in at around 8.40pm and she was born at 11.12pm. It was very good, they

were all fantastic.
"I have had all three of my children there and they have been great every time."

Gracie's older siblings, Poppy and Henry, 16 months, are both thrilled to meet and spend time with their new sister.

Lois said: "They are loving it,

they love having a baby in the house, especially my elder daughter - she is really excited by her

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Charlie Worster, who was born on New Year's Day at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow, with older brother Sidney and parents Sarah Buck and Ben Worster

M11 crash causes hour-long delays

MOTORISTS were left facing delays of an hour on the M11 after an accident that happened between Saffron Walden and Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday afternoon

The crash, reported to have involved two cars, happened on the southbound carriageway of the motorway at about 4.36pm.

All traffic was briefly held while the vehicles

involved in the accident were recovered from the

However, the accident was still causing long delays some time afterwards.

The crash happened between Junction 9, for the

A11 at Saffron Walden, and Junction 8, for the A120/B1256 Stortford Road

Stretched

But jams stretched back to Junction 10 and commuters faced delays of an hour.

The incident came two days after two lanes on

the M11 northbound were closed following a crash near Harlow.

The incident happened between Junction 7 (Harlow) and Junction 8 (Stansted Airport). Traffic was very slow in the area as normal

conditions did not resume until 3pm.

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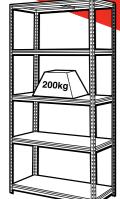
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Police prevent man jumping from rooftop

Officers pleased he is now getting help

By Piers Meyler

A MAN who had been threatening to jump off the top of a multistorey car park in Harlow was saved by police officers. Sgt Nick Williams and PC

Brady Secker were called to Wych Elm multi-storey car park, which is situated close to Princess Alexandra Hospital, just before 1am

last Thursday following reports of a man in distress.

The man, who had been sitting

on the edge of the top floor of the car park, with his legs hanging over the side, was evidently distressed, police said.

PC Secker calmly spoke to him and reassured him that both officers were there to help and after gaining the man's trust, the officers were able to get close enough to the man to bring him to

safety.
Sgt Williams said: "We acted as any other officers would have in the same situation.

"I'm just glad we were able to prevent the man causing any harm to himself.

"Incidents like this can often be very challenging but I'm pleased that he is now receiving the help

Costa could replace electrical shop

A COSTA Coffee could be about to replace an electrics shop in Broxbourne High Road.

The high street giant has submitted a planning application to replace Cox Electrical Supplies, which closed on December 28 after surrendering to "ludicrous" monthly fees for rent and rates.

The coffee shop would play an "integral role" in the

development of the street. development of the street, developers argue, referring to studies suggesting coffee shops improve a town's "viability". After a recent government

policy change determined mixed use premises like the one Costa is proposing are of "vital importance" to local trade planning permission is

technically not required.

Now Broxbourne Borough

Council will decide if the

proposal ticks the right boxes.

Martin Williams, owner of Cox Electrical Supplies, said it was a "no brainer" to close its doors.

"We just couldn't afford it any more, with all the fees combined we had to pay around £4,000 per we had to gay around £4,000 per month and we just don't turn that kind of profit," he said. "If it wasn't for that, we'd have stayed."



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Nathalie Allport-Grantham had pre-booked special assistance for her New Year's Eve flight to NiceN

Airport staff tell woman 'you don't look disabled'

Chronically ill 23-year-old is accused of not deserving assistance

By **Hannah Kane**

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STAFF at London Stansted Airport refused to help a chronically ill woman onto a Ryanair flight, telling her she "didn't look" disabled it is claimed

abled, it is claimed.

Nathalie Allport-Grantham says she was boarding a New Year's Eve flight to Nice in France when airport workers accused her of "wasting time".

The 23-year-old suffers from Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, which causes her constant pain and affects her mobility.

On arriving to Stansted she was given a wheelchair, after prebooking special assistance. However, she then sat down in another seat only to see the wheelchair taken away.

Miss Allport-Grantham was then refused further help by a member of staff as she attempted to board the plane.

The Londoner told BBC Newsbeat: "She basically looked at me and said 'I'm here to help disabled people, I'm not here to help you." "The way she spoke to me and

what she said was just awful.

"Because you pre-book, she has a list of people she's waiting for, so people can't just turn up and say 'I need help'.

Waiting

"But she didn't ask my name. If she'd just looked at her list she would've seen I was the person she was waiting for."

The passenger was eventually helped onto her flight, but described the experience and the alleged actions of airport staff as "upsetting".

Miss Allport-Grantham also has postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, a condition which increases her heart rate and limits how far she can walk.

She says people often question her disabled status because her chronic illness is not always obvious and she has even been called a "liar".

"I've been told before: 'you look

"I've been told before: 'you look too pretty to be disabled'," she said. "People have an idea that a disabled person has to look a certain way"

tain way." Stansted Airport said an investigation has been launched into the claims.

"We are speaking to the provider to find out more about the circumstances of the incident," a spokesman said.

A spokeswoman for Ryanair said: "Wheelchair services at London Stansted are operated by service provider Omniserv and London Stansted is responsible for this service.

"We understand London Stansted has investigated this complaint and is in contact with the customer in question."



The Inflatable 5k course is coming to Chelmsford this year Inflatable fun for all the family

IF YOU'RE looking for a fun way to exercise this New Year, then a jaw-dropping obstacle course in Chelmsford could be for you.

Inflatable 5K is a huge run where you have to crawl, jump, slide and scramble your way through a set of massive obstacles. The obstacles have names such as Bish Bash, Leap of Faith and The Plummet and there are some new ones for 2018 that have never been seen before.

It's not a race and the event is not timed. Instead, it's more about having fun with your family and friends. So you can walk it, skip or run if it you wish. You don't even have to do all of the obstacles – if one looks a bit out of your league then you can just skip it.

At the end of the race,

At the end of the race, everyone who took part gets a

What is the Inflatable 5K in Chelmsford? A fun course made up of inflatable obstacles which you

inflatable obstacles which you have to make your way up and over.

over. When is the Inflatable 5K in Chelmsford? Saturday, June 16. The course

Saturday, June 16. The course starts in 'waves' to stagger the participants so you can choose your start time when you book. The waves are between 9am and 2.30pm.

■ Where is it?

Chelmsford City Racecourse, Great Leighs.

Can you extend the course?

Yes, you can pay extra and do a 10K course, which means you get to go round the course twice and have double the fun

have double the fun ■ How much is it?

Adults £27.50, under-17s £22.50, under-13s £17.50.

under-13s £17.50. ■ Is there a discount for groups?

Yes the price goes down the more of you there are: Four or more – £25.50; Six or more – £24.00; Eight or more – £22.50.

■ Where can you book?
UK Running Events website.

Police hunt masked person who tried to hold up bank

CCTV images have been released of a hooded person being sought by police after a suspect tried and failed to rob a Sawbridgeworth building society.

The would-be bank robber entered Nationwide Building Society on Knight Street on Friday, December 8, some time between 4.45 and 4.50pm.

A female cashier was then passed a note telling her to hand over the money. But the crook subsequently fled the scene empty-handed after the cashier ran into a back area of the building society to alert a colleague.

Police investigating the incident have now released CCTV images of a person they want to speak to.



They can be seen wearing a purple hood, grey coat and black covering over the bottom half of their face.

Anyone who saw the robber — who turned left out of the bank to make off down Knight Street — or who has any information is asked to get in touch with Detective Constable Shaun Turner.

DC Turner can be contacted by emailing shaun.turner@herts.pnn.police.uk and quoting reference A4/17/890, or by calling 101. You can also report information online at www.herts.police.co/report or anonymously to Crimestoppers by

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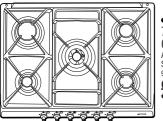
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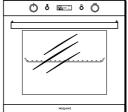
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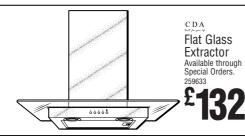
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Addicts were encouraged to buy extra wraps of heroin

Dealer who offered 'special promotion' on drugs is jailed

By Tommy Wathen

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A HARLOW drug dealer, who offered a special promotion on selling crack and heroin, has been jailed for three years.

It is the latest success for Essex Police's Operation Raptor team who aim to crack down on the illegal issues surrounding gangs, including the supply and sale of drues.

Stopped

Officers from the West Operation Raptor team stopped 35year-old Martin Gardener in Parsonage Leys, Harlow, on November 15 last year.

Essex Police suspected that Gardener was involved in the supply of Class A drugs.

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He was searched by police and found in the possession of two mobile phones, over £100 in cash and various drug dealing paraphernalia.

COMMENT

SGT James Paget, of the West Operation Raptor team, said: "The analysis of the phones found on Gardener shows the absolute cynical depth drug dealers will plumb to.

"They prey on addicts exploiting the vulnerability their habit gives them, to continue to ply them with drugs. "In this case, Gardener was

"In this case, Gardener was proactively messaging

Gardener, of no fixed abode, was arrested and analysis of the contents of the phones revealed that throughout November, a class A drug user had been texted every day offering a "special promotion" on the purchase of multiple wraps of heroin

and crack cocaine.

He was later charged with two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

addicts every day for an entire month to encourage them to take advantage of an offer to buy even more class A drugs at a cheaper price

"We will not tolerate this sort of behaviour and will continue to hunt down these ruthless dealers, arrest them and put them before the courts."

He admitted both charges when he appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court and was jailed for a total of three years. During sentencing, the court

During sentencing, the court also ordered the forfeiture of the cash and destruction of the mobile phones.

Gardener was sentenced to three years behind bars at Chelmsford Crown Court on Tuesday, December 19.



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Try a stroll in the Essex countryside to get back in shape after the festive season



By Tom Bage

THE festive season is over and you're probably planning to find a way of burning off those extra calories you accumulated over Christmas and the New

Well if your New Year's resolution was to start getting back into shape after all those mince pies, choccies and Christ-mas pud, why not consider a weekend walk?

Essex is blessed with some glorious countryside, so we've put together a selection of suggested walks in the county.

All the routes we've picked out here are loops, meaning you can easily park up and walk around back to your car without any worry.

Some are more difficult than others and a couple of them are much longer, but every single one is full of views and countryside worth the effort put into the walk

■ Downham, Hanningfield Reservoir and Ramsden Heath

7.5 miles

This route, starting in the small village of Downham, takes in a couple of very small hills and the view out over Hanningfield Reservoir, before coming back via Ramsden Heath and a couple of well-placed pubs.

As you head around there are also stunning views of the south Essex countryside with views across valleys and down green country lanes.



Roxwell Church

■ Hatfield Broad Oak and Hatfield Forest

11 miles

It may be a bit longer but this route takes in some of the most beautiful scenery in Essex and a couple of very nice villages with a number of places to stop for refreshments along the way.

It also joins up with the Flitch Way for a while as it runs along the northern boundary of the ancient forest.

■ Roxwell

takes in its fair share of countryside on the way out to Skreens Park and back into the village via

Roxwell Brook. It is also an easy little walk that most people should be able to cope with, so long as they can get over a stile, as there are ten of them to navigate on this flat farmland

walk ■ Messing 4.5 miles

Taking in two small, picturesque woods and starting and finishing 4 miles almost right outside of The Old
The shortest route in this list Crown in Messing, the short route

Hoe Mill Lock at Woodham Walter just outside Tiptree is a nice, easy walk.

The walk is almost entirely out in the countryside, aside from the short time spent in Messing, and is one of the walks on this list that gives the most spectacular views in return for the least amount of difficulty.

Bradwell

12 miles

If a coastal walk is more your thing then this 12-mile walk start-ing and finishing outside the Fox and Hounds in Tillingham is pretty much perfect.

It goes out to the marshes and past Othona Roman Fort and and the St Peter-on-the-Wall Chapel on the headland before heading back through Bradwell

Yes it's quite long but as it is out on The Dengie you won't be going up and down many hills, so that makes it a bit easier

Admiral McHardy Way, Little Baddow

This walk right outside Chelmsford follows the Chelmer for a while before turning off towards

Woodham Walter Common and Lingwood Common, and passing through Blake's Wood on the

You'll have to walk on a few roads but they are mostly just quiet little country ones so the chances of meeting any cars is still fairly remote.

Langford

4.5 miles
This quick, flat route around Langford and Heybridge takes you past the canal and a small reservoir, as well as across a fair amount of farmland.

It starts at Beeleigh Falls and covers some beautiful local countryside on the way to the Blackwater Navigation and the nice easy towpath alongside.

Woodham Walter

5.5 miles

Starting opposite The Bell in Woodham Walter and heading across the common, as well as along Thrift Wood and through The Wilderness, this route packs a lot into a short space of time.

The views that this walk throws up at every turn are stunning and you can almost guarantee you will see some animals on the way round as the route passes horse paddocks

Bocking

This middling length route spends little time in any villages as it heads out across farmland and around the small woods to the north of Bocking.

It's a nice easy walk through Essex farmland on tracks that are wide and well-marked.



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Brian John

FULLER

Sadly passed away after a long illness aged 77 years. Much loved Husband of Sylvie,

Dad to Julie and David.

A private family Funeral service has been

arranged c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons

KENDRICK

(NEE PEACOCK)

Suddenly in the Princess Alexandra Hospital

on 25th December 2017, Aged 85 Years. The beloved Wife of Arthur, a dear Mum to Jackie and Mark, and a wonderful and loving Nan and

Great Nan. She will be sadly missed by all her family and Friends. Pat's Funeral Service is to be

held on Saturday 13th January 2018,

at St Mary The Virgin Church, Matching, at 12.30

p.m Followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

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Alan **CLARK** (Stan)

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 3rd January 2018, aged 74 years. Dearly loved Dad to Sarah and Simon and a much loved Grandad, Brother and Uncle. Sadly missed by all.

> Funeral service to take place at St John's Church, Stansted on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 2.00pm

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be made payable to "The Alzheimer's Society" and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79 - 81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3AL, Tel: 01279 655477 or via the "In Memory page" at www.drobinson.co.uk

Geoff

Suddenly passed away on 2nd January 2018 aged 68 years. He will be sadly missed by Katy his wife of 45 years, and his brother Steve. The funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Thursday 18th January at 10.45am. Family own flowers, donations to "Mid Essex Hospitals Charities Foundation" (research & Development) may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford CM23 3AL Or Via Web In Memory Page www.drobinson.co.uk

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Kevin Michael

DOYLE

(29.5.1955 - 8.12.2017)

Sadly passed away, aged 62 years at Royal Free Hospital, London. Surrounded by his loving family. Kevin will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Ann, children,

grandchildren, mum & stepdad.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on

17th January at 10.45am

Family flowers only, donations to Royal Free Hospital (I.C.U. Dept) may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Son's, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 IQP. Tel: 01279 426990 Alternatively, please visit the 'In Memory page' at www.drobinson.co.uk

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DOUBLEDAY

Passed away peacefully on 24th December 2017 aged 78 years. Much loved Wife, Mum and Grandma. The funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 26th January 2018 at 11:30am. Family flowers only please.

Wendie **KING**

Donations for the Alzheimer's Society may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow,

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John **McCREE**

Bereavements

A devoted husband, caring father, inspiring grandfather and proud great grandfather You achieved so much and will be remembered by many. All our love, Irene, Stephen, Lorraine, Leanne, Danny, Gary, Rhys, and Nia.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Tuesday 23rd January 1.00pm.

Family flowers preferred, donations to National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society c/o F J Pinnock & Son 10 Bush House Bush Fair Harlow CM18 6NS.



MARGARET MONAGHAN

Sadly passed away peacefully on Friday 8th December 2017, in her 91st year of an amazing life. Having been born in South Africa, she lived as a Mother and Grandmother in Stansted Mountfitchet, working as a Nurse in the local Community. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Friday 19th January 2018 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 12.15 p.m. All enquiries to Masterson Funeral Home Ltd, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. CM17 0AS Tel: 01279 626238

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Gladys MONK

Passed away 29th December 2017 aged 101 years. Loving mum, grandmother, great nan & great great nan.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 15th January 2018 at 2.30 pm.

Family flowers only please but donations for British Heart Foundation" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts CM23 3AL Tel 01279 655477

Peter John



21.11.27 - 30.12.17 '90 Glorious Years'

The family announce the sad loss of Peter at St Clare's Hospice after a short illness

A loving husband and wonderful Dad who was always there for his family.

We would like to thank the staff on Kingsmoor

Ward, Princess Alexander Hospital, Harlow and Plane Ward, St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, for their care during his illness.

We will also be eternally grateful for the kindness care and respect shown to Peter during his final days at St Clare's Hospice, allowing him to pass with the dignity he deserved.

We were so lucky to have him. We will love him,

miss him and cherish his memory always His loving wife Doreen, children Gerald, Celia.

Russell, Davina, Glynis, Steph, Dorinda, Darrell, Julian, partners and families.

Dr Angela Elisabeth **BUNKER** Nee Mayer

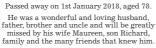
Beloved daughter of Sheila (Barton) and Hans Mayer, deceased, and sister to John Mayer, Sophie and Max. Loving wife to Nigel Bunker and mother to Neil.

Died suddenly on 3rd January 2018. Loved and missed by all her nieces, nephews family and friends



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Malcolm **ETCHELLS** (MAC)



Mac's funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 12:15pm.

Family flowers only please but donations for St.Clare's Hospice may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990. Alternatively, please visit Mac's 'In Memory page' at www.drobinson.co.uk

Janet MAXWELL

Passed away peacefully at home on 26th December 2017, aged 67.

Loved, cherished and adored by her family, and friends. Will be greatly missed by her husband Paul, and sons, Keith & Richard.

Funeral Service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on 17th January at 2.30pm. Followed by "A Celebration of Jan's Life" at Canons Brook Golf Club from 4.00pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations to the Brain Tumour Charity or via the "In Memory Page" at www.drobinson.co.uk

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John **PASHLEY**

Passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Christmas Eve 2017. He will be sadly missed by his twin sons Ian and David, daughter-in-lav Margaret and all his grandchildren Funeral service to take place at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford on Thursday 18th January at 11:30am. Family flowers only please but donations if desired, may be made payable to 'ACT' (Addenbrookes Charitable Trust for the benefit of Cancer Research) and sent c/c Peasgood & Skeates,

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Irene May Maud SMITH (RENE)

Born 30th September 1926 Passed away peacefully aged 91 at home, on 27th December 2017, surrounded by her loving family. She was married for 52 amazing years to Walter James Frederick Smith. She was a loving Mother and Nan who lived for her Children especially her Grandchild. R LP. her Grandchild. R.I.P. All our love now and always Barbara, Margret, John and Pam xxxx

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on 25th January 2018 at 10.45am. All welcome

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Alternatively, please visit the
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Ian STACEY

Passed away 30th December 2017 aged 86 years Loving Husband of the late Shelia. Funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Hatfield Heath on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 1.30pm.



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Patrick John VIDLER 'Pat'

Peacefully passed away on Friday 29th December 2017, aged 89 years. Beloved Husband of Patricia. A dearly loved Dad, Grandad and Little Grandad Forever in our hearts, he will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 10.00am.

Flowers or donations if desired, made payable to "Dementia UK" may be sent c/o
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Molly WHIFFEN

Passed away after a short illness on 18th December 2017 aged 85 years. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband Ken, daughter Christine and all family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Friday 12th January at 4.00pm. Family flowers only, donations to "British Heart Foundation" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street Bishops Stortford, CM23 3AL Or via web www.drobinson.co.uk

Bereavements

Michael John WYLDS

Passed away on the 14th December 2017 aged 79. He will be deeply missed by his wife Chandra, son Darren and daughter Alison, family, friends and all who knew him. Michael's funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday

16th January 2018 at 3:15pm. Family flowers only please but donations for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth. CM21 9DB Telephone 01279-722476 Alternatively, please visit Michael's In Memory page at www.drobinson.co.uk

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and always

loved

Linda

Love Nan

Ellen Rachel **PURCELL**

In loving memory of a dear Mum and Nan, who passed away on 8th January 2017. Always in our

thoughts, forever in our hearts.

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Sunday Walkers group gets festive Place work for fundraising



Harlow Sunday Walkers collecting in aid of St Clare's Hospice

SANTA hats and festive jumpers were the outfits of choice when Harlow Sunday Walkers staged their annual charity walk in December. Armed with collection

buckets, around 20 members of the fast-expanding group braved the damp and chilly weather to walk from Bush Fair to the Town Centre, collecting en route in aid of

St Clare's Hospice. Passing motorists and pedestrians donated cash and, once the walkers got to the Town Centre, shoppers were also willing to give to the cause.

Money from the collection buckets, plus proceeds from a raffle and other fundraising schemes raised a total of £323.59.

HSW founder Steve Morton - who led the walk dressed as Santa Claus explained that a Facebook gift page will continue to run for a while so anyone wishing to make a last minute donation can still do

He said: "We continue to be amazed by the generosity of the people in Harlow, especially at this time of year. We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who gave towards such a worthy cause. Merry Christmas to all!'

Prentice underway

WORK begins this week on the regeneration of Prentice Place in Potter Street.

Harlow Council has appointed Vinci Facilities to oversee the £3m project, which was due to begin on Monday 8 January 2018.

The works will transform the small neighbourhood shopping centre with:

- New pitched roofs on all residential blocks.
 ■ New windows throughout.
- Complete refurbishment of the inside and outside of
- 15 homes which will include Council housing. ■ Creating a new car parking
- Transforming the public spaces at the front and back
- of the centre.
- New ramps and entrance doors to all shops.

 ■ New storage facilities at
- the rear of shops to tidy up the area.

 At the back of the centre

existing garages will be

removed along with unused bin stores to open up walkways through the new development. This will give a sense of openness and safety for residents, retailers and customers. Harlow College design students have also been coming up with ideas for new artwork that can brighten up the back of the centre.

The scheme has been registered with Secure By Design which sets standards for how developments can

be secure and design out crime. It is hoped that the scheme will achieve a gold award and to help with this all new lighting will be LED to allow for CCTV to easily

pick up clear pictures.
Councillor Tony Durcan,
Portfolio Holder for Regeneration & Enterprise, said: "The work will not only transform a neighbourhood area that has been part of Harlow since the mid-50s but also make it a safer and pleasant place for people to live, shop and visit. I know for local residents and retailers this project has taken far too long, but the new year heralds a new start for Prentice Place. The neighbourhood centre will be part of Harlow's future for years to come.

"During the work there will be some disruption to retailers and shoppers and we promise to work with them and do what we can to keep this disruption to a



An artists' impression of how the Prentice Place redevelopment will look



Staff swap Secret Santa to help Streets2Homes with gifts instead

HYTEK Fuel and Lubrication Equipment, based near Elsenham, fundraised and collected essential items to aid Harlow-based charity Streets2Homes during their busy Christmas period.

Having transformed a corner of their offices into a present-wrapping production line, they prepared thirty individual parcels, all brimming with a selection of warm clothing, toiletries and a few luxury items ready for Streets2Homes to distribute

at their Christmas dinner on the December 20.

In addition to this, three large boxes of books, DVDs and magazines were donated to the centre to refresh the stock of the Streets2Homes common room. Also delivered was a large box of food for the centre to distribute as handouts or to help with their busy mealtimes.

In order to further bolster the good work the Hytek team has done to support the community, the company added to the collective efforts of the team and purchased ten 3-4 person, fully waterproof tents to compliment the sleeping bags already donated to the cause.

Heading up the drive, Sales Administrator Laura Taylor said: "A few years ago, we made the decision to swap our office Secret Santa to support a charitable cause and this year were glad to be able to offer help locally to Wayne and his team at Streets2Homes."

So much on offer to help curb loneliness

IN May 2016, Rainbow Services received three years of Big Lottery funding to reduce loneliness and social isolation in Harlow's senior community.

During that time it has set up six weekly social clubs across the town and offered monthly special events, including day trips.

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As the project has grown, local businesses, organisations and schools have come together to support the clubs. Rainbow Services supporters include Mecca Bingo, Kings Plumbing and Heating, Freshwaters Christian Fellowship, Greggs, MRCT and Tesco Stores Edinburgh Way, Church Langley and Express who joined forces to host and run an afternoon

tea party for more than 100 people in July. Passmores Academy and William Morris C of E Juniors have provided choirs at their special events.

With additional funding in April from Essex Community Foundation Harlow Recreation Trust Fund they have provided afternoon tea river cruises for more than 100 people, in partnership with CanalAbility.

In May they ran two Safe and Social Events at Harlow Cricket Club and the Leah Manning Centre where they provided information around Frauds, Scams and bogus calling, had a wonderful freshly prepared lunch, then entertainment and dancing in the afternoon.

In July Rainbow Services received further funding



More than 120 senior citizens enjoyed a festive treat thanks to Rainbow Services and Harlow Rugby Club

from Groundwork's One Stop Shop for Carriers and Causes to treat more than 80 seniors to a day out to Southend.

September saw a coach full of club members travel to Cambridge for a day of shopping and sight seeing.

In the Autumn, the group partnered with the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group to host three Safe and Social events at the Leah Manning Centre, the GPCA and Harlow Cricket Club. With information and goody bags around a 'Staying Well in Winter' theme in the morning, they hosted around 300 people for a fish and chip lunch with singing from an Elvis impersonator in the afternoon.

Rainbow Club members came together to celebrate Christmas in style, thanks to Tesco Stores PLC Bags for Help fund. In partnership with Harlow Rugby Club, Rainbow Services'
Community Builder team were delighted to host a party for 120 Harlow seniors. Guests were treated to a Carol service, hot roast turkey dinner followed by singing and dancing to a live singer.

One of the guests said: "I didn't think this was my type of event but I've had a wonderful time and will look to join one of the social

groups in my area."

From another: "The lunch was superb and we really love coming to the weekly

Rainbow Services will soon be publishing its list of special events, weekly club members are given priority booking, however, all Harlow seniors are welcome.

For information regarding the weekly clubs, special events or joining the team of volunteers call 07793 007737.

OUR EDUCATION NEWS

'Drab' wall brought to back to life by graffiti artist's work

A SCHOOL wall has been covered in graffiti and the community could not be

happier. A large outside wall at Roydon Primary Academy, near Harlow, has been brought to life with a piece

of art inspired by pupils.

The artwork in the early years garden features a scene incorporating the four seasons and children's favourite, the Gruffalo. Graffiti artist Nathan

Murdoch, who has brightened up various spaces at Burnt Mill Academy Trust primary schools in the town, transformed the area, which

was once just a brown, flaky

Michael Clark, head of school, said: "The wall is the first thing you see when you walk into that part of the school and it has always been so drab.

This is a beautiful school with wonderful children, but certain parts of the building did not match the amazing things which go on in our classrooms. "I had given Nathan a

piece of artwork by Year 1 pupils which featured the Roydon tree with the four seasons, so it is based around that.



Roydon Primary students proud of the new artwork

"It now has that wow factor we wanted with the most incredible scene that makes you smile every time you see it. When the children saw it, they were all saying

"The first thing they see

now each day is this beautiful wall which is so exciting.
"Things like this make

everyone proud to be a part of Roydon.

The work is the latest improvement to the school,

Youngsters skip to it to improve their fitness

LAST term Pear Tree Mead Academy were joined by Skip 2B Fit, a unique skipping workshop which motivates children to challenge themselves through skipping. John McCormack, the

skipping instructor, delivered two fun and exciting days of exercise and physical activity. Skip 2B Fit's focus was on participation and encouraging pupils to get involved in physical activity at school, home and throughout the community.

Children were shown how to skip and completed the 2-minute skip challenge. The children were given custom made skipping ropes, which had built in counters so children could record their number of skips.

Pupils were then asked numeracy questions and were most importantly challenged to beat their best score. The workshop helped develop a growth mind set by showing practically that dedication and effort can lead to improvement. Mia,



Pear Tree Mead Academy students with their certificates and Skip 2B Fit ropes

Year 3 student said: "I loved the 2 minute challenge and really improved my score the second time.' The children enjoyed the challenge and all

tried extremely hard to beat their best score.

Miss Warner, teacher and PE coordinator said: "All of the children absolutely loved

it, it was great to see the children persevere and push themselves to beat their

Following this, the pupils

and teachers will now take part in the 6 week skipping challenge, to see if they can beat their personal best and improve their fitness levels!



The wall was once brown and flaky, now it's been transformed

having restored an old pond and allotment and added colourful outdoor displays in recent months. Mr Clark said: "When we show parents who are considering sending their children to Roydon around the school, they are blown away with what they see, both inside the classroom and now outside."

Chocolatethemed fun inspired by Roald Dahl favourite

LESSONS took on a sweet focus as pupils studied Charlie and The Chocolate Factory

As part of the project, 60 Year 4 pupils at Freshwaters Primary Academy, in Harlow, worked with Chocolate By Design to create their own chocolate treats. Robin Dalton, Year 4 class teacher, said: "Pupils have been reading Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

"To complement their learning, we held a chocolate-based activity day.

"Children learnt about the Aztec, Toltec and Mayan history of chocolate, how





cocoa came to Europe and took part in an activity where they designed and made their own chocolate creations.

"It was an incredibly fun and enjoyable learning day. The children really engaged and enjoyed learning about chocolate."

Pupils step back in time and find things in common with Victorians

YEAR 5 pupils from Cooks Spinney Primary Academy, in Harlow, visited the Royal Gunpowder Mills, in Waltham Abbey.

While there, they played Victorian games such as hunt the thimble, hunt the ring and flap the fish.

They also had the opportunity to learn about

Victorian feasts and foods before eating a Victorian style meal.

Jennifer Pearce, assistant head, said: "Children investigated the differences in lifestyle between the rich and the poor, focussing on toys work and games

toys, work and games.
"They made Victorian crafts, such as paper bags

and screen-printed cards, which they took home."

Olivia Armes said: "I had fun learning about the Victorians and seeing the things they had during that time."

Max Wilson said: "I didn't know the Victorians started so many of the games we play now and the toys, too."



Year 5 students enjoyed the Victorian crafts

YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Caring hospice strives to expand supports services

ST CLARE Hospice is a local charity, based in Hastingwood, which, since 1990, has been supporting people from across West Essex with a life-limiting or terminal illness.

Since the hospice charity opened more than 25 years ago, it has cared for an estimated 10,000 people, and their families and carers, supporting them on one of life's most difficult journeys and empowering people to make each moment count. Last year alone, St Clare cared for more than 575 people from Harlow, and their families and carers.

Brian, who has received care from St Clare for a number of years, said: "I was fearful of St Clare at first. All you ever heard about a hospice was that it was where you went to die. But now I have discovered what hospice care is really all about. The place and its surroundings have such a unique, tranquil atmosphere – there is nothing better. Yet, it is the warmth of the people here that make it St Clare – not the walls and the building. The hospice has continued to help me, and my wife, throughout our entire journey. Attending Day Therapy has also given me more than just the ability to manage my illness – I've made so many special memories too.

St Clare Chief Executive, Sarah Thompson, explains:



"Hospice care is about life and living, not just death and dying. If this surprises you, then you are not alone.

"So many people fear that a hospice is simply a place to go to die. This is one of the many myths that surround the word 'hospice'. But a hospice is not just a building, but a very special way of caring."

"Hospice care helps people

Thospice care helps people to live as actively as possible from the point at which their illness is diagnosed as incurable, to the end of their lives, however long that may be. And we carry on caring for families, carers and friends, beyond the death of the person they love. Our many different services, and our approach to care, gives patients, their families and carers, the confidence to cope so that, together, they can enjoy the best possible quality of life, whether in their own home or at the Hospice centre."

St Clare Hospice's services include day therapy, which offers a range of creative and therapeutic activities delivered by a team including physiotherapists and occupational therapists. The patient and family support team offers counselling and guidance provided by social workers and counsellors. Their community team includes both a hospice at home team and community palliative care team, who provide hands-on personal care in people's own homes as well as specialist clinical care and advice to help with pain

control and symptom management. St Clare also has an eight-bedded inpatient unit where high quality specialist care is provided in warm, homely surroundings by a team of doctors, nurses and nursing assistants. Some patients choose to spend the last days of their lives at St Clare, whereas other patients may come to the hospice for an assessment, stay for a few days to get their symptoms under control, before they go home again.

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Mika and Bess

FIVE-year-old sisters Mika and Bess are looking for their loving forever home.

They are both a little shy but very friendly, they would like to be rehomed together, if you are able to help call 01279 306058.



Percy

PERCY is nine months old and came into the care of when his owner could no longer care for him and his brother as they got older .

They are both a little shy but very friendly and live to be petted.

For more information on Percy and his brother call 01279 306058.

Showcase celebrates great work from local organisations

ON December 15, Rainbow Services and Harlow District Council enabled a group of local Harlow charities to promote their services to raise awareness and fundraise in Harlow town centre, to celebrate Local Charities Day 2018.

At the same time, it was a perfect way to carry on the Harlow's 70th celebrations by showcasing some of the great work charities and community groups are doing across the district.

Organisations who braved the bitter cold between 10am

and 2pm included:

and 2pm miculed:
ISS (Integration Support
Services); Virgin Healthcare,
the Barnardos partnership;
The Rotary Club of Harlow
Tye; Volunteer Centre
Harlow; Rainbow Services
Harlow; Streets2Homes; St
Clare Hospice; Accuro,
Heads Up (Enable East); and
Razed Roof.

These charities were joined at lunchtime by five performing arts students from Harlow College, who sang, danced, and generally entertained shoppers!

Rainbow Services would

like to thank Harlow District Council, The Playhouse, and HTS for their help leading up to and on the day of the event, and all of the charities who came along to celebrate as without everyone's participation this event would not have been able to take place.

There are hundreds of charities and community groups across Harlow of all shapes and sizes doing amazing work where it is needed most – we will be using this page to share their stories in the weeks to come.



Stall holders at the Harlow charity day

YOUR VIEWS

LETTERS

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I'm going teetotal for 2018

NEW Year's Resolution -

Make mine a large one!
"He'll never do it". That's
what some will say, if not to my face, then behind my back. It doesn't matter.

They're wrong. From midnight on 31/12/ 17 I've decided to go teetotal for the whole of 2018.

I'm not raising money for charity but I am looking for sponsorship - in the form of support and encouragement from colleagues, family and friends.

It's not a spur of the moment decision. It's been prodding at me for a couple of weeks. Since the last stinking hangover actually.

It's been nagging at me-"You've made arrangements for a meeting in a pub next

Tuesday" – that's a bit silly; I bring a conversation to a close with "That's one to discuss over a good bottle of South African Red" – that could be a long wait;

You say to the Vicar "Let's discuss it over a beer in the New Year" – God knows! So, why do it? I'm

overweight and alcohol is a significant contributor. I've tried cutting back without sustainable success. The more I drink, the more I want to drink, the more I tend to drink. In the pub, in the club, in my home, on my own.
It impacts upon my

behaviour. Rarely it may seem to make me more fun to be with, although I've never heard anyone say "Oh, Ian have another drink – you're so funny!"

It impacts negatively on my moods generally dragging me down, giving rise to uncharacteristic anger and aggression.

It relaxes my inhibitions which for a man with few inhibitions can lead to

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unacceptable and embarrassing "moments in time" (there are at least two or three apologies in there).

I'm chair of Harlow's Health & Wellbeing Board and nearly every document I read mentions alcohol and the short, medium and long term negative impact it can have. It's really time I showed some leadership beyond word-forms.

I'm making my plans public for two reasons: to make it 'real' and to ask my supporters to be on-hand with the alcohol-free ginger beer from time to time.

So wish me luck - if you wish.

Happy New Year. I expect to see 2018 slightly differently from any other year in my adulthood. lan Beckett

Address not supplied

Taking back our national pride

MR Henderson's letter, December 21, comprises statements without any



out as facts to promote fear. The only financial

benefits from being a member of the EU are enjoyed by a few politicians, and I ask how has he himself benefited from membership. Ninety-nine per cent of people in the UK are disadvantaged by membership, being governed by an unelected bureaucracy, whose flawed political structure is proven by the financial failings, the riots, the unemployment, the un-controlled immigration that blights the European

Mainland. The electorate were given a say in the referendum on our membership back in the 1970's, but deceived by the politicians who said it was only about trade, Edward Heath deceived us all by saying that 'There will be no loss of essential national sovereignty'. This was a lie and he even admitted it much later on television. This deception by our politicians has persisted so

trust of the British people.

Thousands of our countrymen laid down their lives for our freedom. Our MPs at

Westminster

derive their

power from

the people who elected

them, those

I expect to see 2018 slightly differently from any other year in my adulthood

people have spoken in the Referendum, our Ian Beckett MPs must honour their decision, and at the same time rectify the deceit of the last 40 years and

The people of the UK have voted to leave; that means to take back control of or own country, in other words govern ourselves with our own laws, have total control over immigration, trade with the whole world on our terms. We don't want to be controlled by the EU. If the true benefits of our life outside the EU were made clear to the electorate, and the dishonest propaganda of our controlled media exposed, the majority to leave would at least double.

So far, despite the

Government's incompetence to arrange an orderly exit. our economy is improving, employment is in good shape. They are making a relatively simple task so complex that one wonders whether this is a continuation of the deceit.

We joined the EU by enacting the 1972 European Communities Bill and subsequent legislation.

According to our constitution, the simple way out is by repealing that legislation. We can then, in every aspect, run our country ourselves, and regain our sovereignty and national pride.

Martin Harvey Chairman UKIP Harlow

Still suffering iniustices

IN 2014 I asked three questions – is there food poverty in Harlow, is there poverty in Harlow and are people born and raised in Harlow living in tents because of the lack of social housing in Harlow? In 2018 I

ask the same questions. Empirically I can answer and validate that food poverty and living in tents is

still happening in Harlow. The question I ask is why in a rich country like Britain citizens are suffering such indignities. Our local MP has stated in the past that the country is bankrupt while accepting an increase in his and his colleagues' salary. Surely that is illogical at best and hypocritical at worse. Add the fact that he voted to cut £30-a-week in disability benefits to the neediest and you can surely see how a poor, unstable and mendacious government treats its weaker citizens. It is both disgraceful and disgusting.

Moreover, do residents who have worked for many vears really want to hear politicians tell them they are scroungers, work-shy and idle after being made redundant, becoming ill or disabled and are "living" on £73 a week or less? Are residents really interested in knowing that having an "extra" room in their home, having brought up their families in that home, contravenes best practice and therefore they should "downsize"? Do residents really want to see the Red Cross and food banks on our streets asking people to support the needy in this country when the real culprit of their distress is this uncaring government? In respect to every question I suspect not.

Unfortunately, for those residents who are suffering these indignities no warm words will help them pay for food, fuel or housing. Neither will the pathetic use of political dogma seen and heard recently in Parliament. These politicians appear to want to accuse each other of causing the problems experienced by citizens rather than proactively and pragmatically addressing these serious issues.

Further, this government is now trying to destroy our National Health Service, the greatest and most respected public service this country has and will ever have. Our NHS is beginning to show what seven years of austerity can do to it when not properly financed to carry out its objective of providing support, comfort and care to those that need it.

If you do not want to see its demise then please stand up and tell this government and your local MP to start supporting and investing in its core strength: its nurses and doctors. If you do not then the National Health Service will be removed.

Let's hope that those residents that need help comfort, support and care in 2018 receive it.

Gary Roberts Carters Mead, Harlow



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DUBMASTERS DREADZONE COME TO ESSEX NEXT MONTH AND TELL MARTIN NEAL WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THEIR LIVE SHOW

our mission, should you choose to accept is this: Go and see Dreadzone live and stop yourself from dancing.

dancing.

But be warned, this really is Mission Impossible. One of the most infectiously bouncy and upbeat bands you could ever wish to see, Dreadzone are guaranteed to get you doing your stuff.

And, says founder, drummer, songwriter and producer Greg Dread, it's because they're inspired by "the joy of life"

inspired by "the joy of life". Greg and the boys have been doing their stuff for 24 years now – although he and bassist Leo Williams were together before that in Big Audio Dynamite along with Mick Jones of The Clash – and still sound as fresh as ever.

The post-rave dance reggae dubsters hit the top 40 of the album charts for the first time since the 1990s with Dread Times last year and, says Greg, the involvement of his son, Marlon Roberts, has been a key ingredient in the elixir of their longevity.

their longevity.
"Being in love and having a child was a big inspiration to me when we first started," said Greg, "and now my son is contributing keyboards and getting involved with the band.

"So to have him making music with us and refeeding that energy into the band is brilliant.

brilliant.

"He's brought a new element to our sound, he's added a few trips and techniques that he uses."

The new album takes

The new album takes Dreadzone back to a more old school dub sound and already fans have had the opportunity to hear some of the tracks live.

"The songs are very easy to slot into the set," explained Greg, "a lot of the songs translate well live."

And an expansive set it is too. Best known for their 1996 hit single Little Britain, the band have released nine albums and have no shortage of sources to inspire them to keep recording with vigour and enthusiasm.

INSPIRED

"We're inspired by the joys of life and wanting to do something new," says Greg.

Dreadzone have rightly forged a fine reputation as being festival favourites – their upbeat tempos and feelgood sounds being the perfect fit for the occasion.

They've supported some big acts too – Oasis at Knebworth and more recently Public Image Ltd so what's best, playing in front of thousands of people who might know the name and nothing else or playing to their own crowd in

front an audience far smaller?

"I get asked this a lot and you can't compare them," says Greg. "Doing a festival you have a half-hour changearound then you're on and you hit the ground running.

"When it's your own gig you do the soundcheck, then you get to relax for a bit and you're on for a lot longer so it's not possible to pick one over the other."

Having finished a lengthy tour just before Christmas, Greg and the boys are wasting no time in getting back on stage ("I really appreciate being able to play live because otherwise I start to get a bit bored," admits Greg) and you can catch them at Chinnery's in Southend next month.

■ Dreadzone play Chinnerys, Southend, on Saturday, February 10. Tickets (priced £17.50) available from www.seetickets.com

BEST GIGS

Invaders Of The Heart, Chinnerys, Southend, Saturday, January 27 John Wardle was nicknamed Jah Wobble by John Lydon after a drunken night out

■ Jah Wobble And The

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while the two were at Kingsway College in London and later joined Lydon in Public Image Limited after the Sex Pistols broke up, forging a bold new post-punk sound. In more than three decades since, Wobble has ploughed his own furrow incorporating Eastern and global influences in his own music and working with the likes of



Bjork, Primal Scream and Brian Eno. Expect an eclectic mix of tunes from a long career.

■ Tori Freestone and Alcyona Mick, Colchester Arts Centre, Sunday, February 4 Tori Freestone, a British saxophonist, flautist and violinist who performs at the forefront of the UK improvised music scene, is known for her robust tenor sound, melodic invention as well as an ability to amalgamate into a variety of styles and musical contexts while maintaining her highly personal and distinct voice. She has performed with pianist Alcyona Mick as a duo for the last three years and they release their debut duo album in spring 2018 coinciding with an 18 date four.

DOWN THE PUB



Rock and pop covers band Expose (pictured above) have been around for decades and in that time, they've built up a large following. Their gigs are often busy and you can catch them next at the Cricketers, in London Road, Southend, on Friday night.

Gigs for January 12-14

Star & Garter, Moulsham Street,

Chelmsford: Friday - Phil Ball Band; Saturday - Indigo Hammer

■ Cow & Telescope, Sutton Road, Southend: Friday - VT11; Saturday - Hedgehog

■ Cricketers, Southend: Friday - Expose; Saturday - Bif Bam Pow

■ Golden Fleece, Chelmsford: Friday - Tantric Zoo; Saturday - The Company ■ Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend:

Sunday (7.30pm) - Blues Spiders

Boars Head, Braintree: Saturday - Charlies Aunt

NOUGHTIES REVIVAL AND FUNDRAISER AT THE BASSMENT

The Bassment will play host to a night of Chelmsford Bands who came out of the vibrant local noughties scene this Saturday, January 13.
Featuring a stellar line-up of The Lemoncurd Kids, Mandeville, Ghostwood Shanks, The White Gospel (right), Jez Kemp and compared by Andy Poole, the evening was put together by Paul Dale and is in support of Amnesty International UK.

The idea came to Paul when he found himself in his old band Ghostwood Shanks again. "I've been trying to arrange a fund raising concert for Amnesty since I joined [in 2015] but couldn't settle on a theme or the bands that would play. Then when unexpectedly The Shanks reformed I came back to the idea but wondered if I could rope in some of the other bands that we played with back in the 200s too. I knew that of all the ideas I had it would be resonate well with a lot of Chelmsford live music fans."

Paul hopes to not only raise money for Amnesty International but remind everyone of how vibrant the scene was back then.

"There's this misconception



that after the Army and Navy closed back in 2002 that it was all doom and gloom in Chelmsford, that there was no live music scene to speak of but things kicked back pretty

quickly," Paul added.

■ The event starts 8pm with the music starting from 8:15pm with £5 entry fee.

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Woody Harrelson as Sheriff Bill Willoughby and Frances McDormand as Mildred Hayes

Photo: MERRICK MORTON

GIVING THEM GRIEF

THREE BILLBOARDS
OUTSIDE EBBING,
MISSOURI (15) ****

ell hath no fury like a grief-stricken mother scorned in Londonborn writer-director Martin McDonagh's blackly comic thriller, which pits one vigilante parent against her local police force in a fictional midwestern town.

Impeccably scripted and blessed with a blistering lead performance from Frances McDormand, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri is a near perfect film in the right place at the right time.

McDonagh's explosive morality tale is fuelled by the righteous anger of a spirited woman, who believes her concerns are being ignored by men in power and will not rest until all lines of inquiry have been exhausted in the pursuit of justice.

Her rebel yell sparks

Her rebel yell sparks sickening violence that may divide audiences, including one scene in a dentist's surgery that leaves jaws truly dropped, but brutality always serves the lean, muscular narrative.

lean, muscular narrative. Salty, quick-fire dialogue is peppered with polished oneliners that the ensemble cast savours, like when Woody Harrelson's beleaguered police chief confides that he is terminally ill and McDormand's thorn in his side confirms that she already knew and still put up the billboards.

and still put up the billboards.
"Well, they wouldn't be as
effective after you croak, right?"
she tells him with steely
resolve.
It has been seven months

It has been seven months since Angela Hayes was abducted, raped and murdered on her way home. The dead girl's stoic mother,

The dead girl's stoic mother Mildred (McDormand), is infuriated by the lack of progress under police chief Bill

Willoughby (Harrelson).
Consequently, she rents
three advertising hoardings
from Red Welby (Caleb Landry
Jones) on the outskirts of town
and emblazons each billboard
with a message aimed directly
at the man responsible for
anneshending the culprits

apprehending the culprits. "To me, it seems like the local police department is too busy going round torturing black folks to be bothered doing anything about solving actual crime," Mildred tells a local TV reporter on air, "so I thought these billboards might concentrate their minds."

Officer Jason Dixon (Sam



Sam Rockwell's Jason Dixon with Mildred

Photo: MERRICK MORTON

Rockwell), who is under the thumb of his bigoted mother (Sandy Martin), reacts violently to Mildred's public spat with his station.

Mildred's teenage son Robbie

Mildred's teenage son Robbie (Lucas Hedges) also suffers abuse at school as a result of his mother's inflammatory actions.

However, Mildred refuses to back down.

"Looks like we got a war on our hands," Willoughby calmly informs his concerned wife Anne (Abbie Cornish).

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri creates a vibrant portrait of small town life torn asunder by personal vendettas and retribution.

McDormand is magnificent, skilfully letting her character's frustrations come to a boil, with harrowing consequences. The emotional journey of

The emotional journey of Rockwell's racist cop isn't wholly believable but his fearless portrayal papers over the tiny cracks and there is glorious support from Harrelson.

McDonagh directs with an assured hand, deftly juggling the ticking time bombs of ghoulish comedy and heartrending tragedy.

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK

Oldman shines in Churchill biopic



DARKEST HOUR (PG) ★★★★★

PHOTOGRAPHS of Winston Churchill sticking up two fingers to the advancing Nazi threat during the Second World War became defining images of British defiance, solidarity and resolve

While the rest of Europe capitulated to the Deutsches Reich, the cigar-puffing statesman stood firm, inspiring citizens in one tubthumping speech to "defend to the death their native soil, aiding each other like good comrades to the utmost of their strength". The 27 tumultuous days, which led to Churchill's impassioned cry for the British to fight on the beaches and in the streets, is elegantly dramatised in Joe Wright's handsomely crafted character study, Darkest Hour. Based on a script by Anthony McCarten, who was Oscar nominated for The Theory Of Everything, this timely account of political hubris during blood-soaked conflict is distinguished by a tour-de-force performance from Gary Oldman.

Concealed behind layers of flawless make-up and latex, the London-born actor surely has one hand on an Academy Award for his mesmerising embodiment of the rotund statesman, who bore the weight of responsibility for evacuating more than 300,000 Allied soldiers from the beaches of Dunkirk.

Oldman delivers Churchill's public addresses

with lip-smacking relish but it's in the film's quieter moments, when the politician stares into the hollowed eyes of self-doubt, that his performance delivers knockout blows.

The film opens on May 9 1940 during a particularly boisterous exchange in the House of Commons. Clement Attlee (David Schofield), leader of the opposition Labour Party, demands Neville Chamberlain (Ronald Pickup) stand down as Prime Minister for "leaving our nation ruinously unprepared to face the present Nazi peril".

King George VI (Ben Mendelsohn) subsequently invites Winston to form a government at a critical juncture in the fight against Hitler.

Darkest Hour is punctuated by Wright's trademark directorial brio, including one indelible scene of a German aerial bombing run that melts into the face of a fallen soldier. Kristin Scott Thomas and Mendelsohn offer sterling support, the latter tugging heartstrings in a softly played final scene in which Bertie

sterling support, the latter tugging heartstrings in a softly played final scene in which Bertie counsels Churchill: "Go to the people. Let them instruct you." A timely lesson for the political guard of every

A timely lesson for the political guard of every hue as we face a very different showdown with European neighbours.

CELEBRITY WELLBEING

GABRIELLE FAGAN SPEAKS TO GARETH GATES ABOUT LIFE AFTER POP IDOL, STAMMERING AND THE DEVASTATION OF NEARLY LOSING HIS VOICE

RADFORD-BORN singer, Gareth Gates found fame as a spiky-haired 16-year-old who, despite a stammer, bravely competed in TV talent show Pop Idol.

Against the odds he finished as runner up to Will Young, and went on to became a fully-fledged pop star with five No 1 singles and a string of sell out tours.

He's forged a successful second career in musical theatre appearing in Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Legally Blonde and Les Miserables. But three years ago, was left devastated when his voice started to fail.

Gareth, 33 lives with Coronation Street actress Faye Brookes, and has an eight-year-old daughter Missy from a previous relationship.

What's been your biggest turning point?

STARTING to lose my voice was a huge wake-up call which made me totally change my lifestyle. I'd just turned 30 when I started having problems and finally it completely went when I was performing at a gig in front of around 3,000 people. As twalked away from the stage I was terrified I'd lost my voice forever.

Although my speech is affected by my stammer, when I sing I'm free from it, so singing is my release and how I express myself and having it let me down was devastating.

After treatment [an injection to a vocal chord under general anaesthetic] I took six weeks off to recover.

For nearly two years after that, every time I opened my mouth to sing, I was worried. I'd signed big musical theatre contracts so I had to keep performing, but in between I'd spend all day not speaking to rest my voice.

For a while I didn't really have a life. It was hell and the worst time of my life. The whole experience really shook me up and I was quite depressed for a while afterwards, but I'm so thankful that my voice is now fully recovered and stronger than ever. It's made me more driven

How do you look after your health?

THE injury was caused by a mixture of things – overwork and too much partying. I was burning the candle at both ends. Since then I've totally overhauled my health and lifestyle because I thought, if I'm going to be able to go on singing, I need to change things.

Nowadays, I go to the gym every

Nowadays, I go to the gym every day. My body's totally changed and I have way more energy. Instead of carbs I eat healthy protein-heavy foods like chicken, steak, eggs and vegetables.

I suffer debilitating migraines – coffee is a trigger – so I only drink herbal teas. That inspired me to

create my own teas using coconut. Last year I had a hair transplant because my hair had started to thin and I was self-conscious about it.

It's been another boost for my confidence. Maybe I'll go back to



It was hell. I was terrified I'd lost my voice forever

my trademark spiky hair in time.

How is your stammer now?

MY speech is still a constant battle. If I'm stressed or low it's bad and speaking to strangers is my hardest challenge. Thankfully, as soon as I'm on stage and in character, I walk and breathe in



Gareth Gates performing on stage at the London Arena in 2002, left, and, with his partner Corrie actress Faye Brookes

a different way and I don't have to worry about my speech. It's very liberating.

I've done a lot of work using a specialist method of breathing exercises, which has really helped.

In a way, my stammer has made me the person I am, because having to face difficult times has made me stronger.

On Pop Idol, the stammer helped me get noticed and made me stand out from the crowd - it was the first time it had a positive influence on my life

My struggle's made me determined to help children who stammer. You can feel very lonely and isolated when you're young and have this problem – as I well know. That's why I've set up the Gareth Gates Stammer School. I'll be there with speech and language therapists and hope to show kids you can cope with a stammer, improve your speech and succeed in life.

How important is Faye in your life?

VERY important. We've been together for five years. We live together and are very happy. We met when we both appeared in Legally Blonde and, to be honest, I was a bit intimidated by her at first. Then we became friends and it went from

We have so much in common – she's a fitness fanatic so we both live a very clean lifestyle. I'm so proud of her, she's smashing it on Corrie and she's as busy as me, so when we get time together it's very special. It's too soon for marriage, but our future is together.

What does fatherhood mean to you?

IT alters your whole perspective on life. Every decision I make is based on the wellbeing of Missy. I think it's why I'm so driven, because, ultimately, I'm not just making a future for myself; I'm making one for

She's absolutely incredible and doesn't have a trace of a stammer, which is a great relief.

This year I'm taking a break from touring so I can spend more time being a dad.

■ The first two-day Gareth Gates Stammer School course is on January 27 and 28. Visit garethgatesstammerschool.com



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DOCTOR'S NOTE

■ MORE than three million Brits are now off the booze for Dry January. A YouGov poll commissioned by

charity Alcohol Concern found 3.1 million of us were planning to cut out alcohol to save money and feel healthier. The survey of 2,086 participants showed that parents with children aged 12-16, as well as those with three or more children in their household, (11%) were most likely to go dry.

It was most popular with those aged 35-54 (7%), while Northern Ireland is the area of the UK where people are most likely to be give it a go (10%).

■ BARKING like a dog may be the secret to remembering where you put your keys.

Human behaviour expert Jez Rose insists the secret to not losing things is to leave "mental markers" throughout the day.

"By consciously carrying out a significant action when you put something down, you are creating a mental tag on that moment," she said. "Barking like a dog when you put down your car keys is an extreme example, but the more unusual the action, the more likely you are to remember that."

SWEET SUNFLOWER **AFTER BUTTER FUDGE** something to (MAKES 24 SQUARES

satisfy that sweet tooth? This recipe couldn't be This fudge is full of

flavour and one of the most indulgent and easy to make sweet treats," says Rita. "Make it in advance

and keep it in the freezer, so you can have this treat on the table within minutes.'

INGREDIENTS:

200ml sunflower seed hutter 80ml manle syrun 4tbsp cacao or carob 1tsp vanilla extract Salt

METHOD:

1. If your seed butter is very stiff, remove it from the jar and gently warm it up in a pan

I'VE heard lots about the

meteoric rise of gin as the

nation's favourite spirit. This

week I read that gin sales were

up a massive 45% at Christmas compared to the same time in

2016 and I'm thinking ... where

over a low heat. 2. Transfer to a food-processor, add the remaining ingredients and a pinch of salt and blitz until the mixture forms a ball.

3. Line a square baking dish with cling film. Press the fudge into the dish, distributing it evenly, then chill in the refrigerator for at least

an hour.
4. Sprinkle a thin layer of cacao or carob powder on top using a fine mesh sieve. 5. Carefully remove the

fudge from the dish and transfer it to a plate.

6. Remove the cling film before cutting the fudge into 3cm squares.

Why being vegan doesn't mean boring mealtimes

VEGAN in 7

BIEN BERRYO

right, and her

new recipe

Dutch food blogger Rita Serano has a few bones to pick with people who dismiss veganism

VETERAN of vegan cooking who has never had a taste for meat, Rita Serano can rattle off a long list of misconceptions she's heard about vegan food: "That it's boring, that it doesn't taste good, that I only eat salads and that it's hard to do" - to

name just a few.
It's exactly ideas like these that Rita is on a mission to

Her new book, Vegan in 7, features recipes that require seven ingredients or fewer, and the pages are far less green than you might imagine: multi-coloured stir-fries, stews and cakes show there's a lot more to her diet than salad.

The Dutch food blogger and recipe developer splits her time between Amsterdam and the French countryside, where she's cultivated her vegan pedigree for decades

"I know vegan food is fashionable at the moment, but for me, it's really a lifestyle," she explains.

"Eating this way, for me, is the only way to feel alive and healthy."

She is buzzing with passion about the impact veganism has had on her.

Her enthusiasm for the diet - which contains no animal products of any kind knows no bounds: she excitedly describes her recipe for salmon lax, with a twist: "It's not salmon, it's carrot."

"If you close your eyes and if it's cut the right way, really thinly on a little cracker with fresh dill - it really has the same mouth feel, and the same taste," she explains.

Rita worked as a make-up artist in the Netherlands before swapping foundation for food and setting up her

Now, she has more than 40,000 Instagram followers relying on her vegan tips.

She hopes keeping her recipes to seven ingredients make them as accessible as

"If you go out to a store to buy a book or look at a recipe, sometimes it can be really intimidating," she admits.
"You think, 'Oh wow, I need this and I need that.

"But there's so much variety, not only with seasons but from food all around the

something Rita says will

"I'm at my best when I'm cooking," she says with a

"Food is like a little bit of edible love.

■ Vegan in 7 by Rita Serano is published in paperback by Kyle Books, priced £16.99. Photography by Laura Edwards.



have you all been? Many (many) moons ago I sipped gin in my brother's local and people thought we were mad because we asked for slices of cucumber. A barman's quip was "do you want salad too"? Now look at all the styles you can have. Here's this week's Ginuary instalment and I've included a cucumber gin for good measure. ■ Irresistible London Dry Gin (RRP £17.49, the Co-op, 40% abv): Tasting teams made up of the Co-op's members were sent

three blends to decide which one

has a bit of a kick.

Four Pillars Bloody Shiraz with 16 botanicals including caleb berries, coriander, orange peel, Gin (£41.45, thewhisky nutmeg and cumin. It's exchange.com, masterofmalt. com 37.8% abv): The Four a lovely mix, with the Pillars Distillery is based in the Yarra Valley in Australia and coriander and citrus shining through with a fleck of ginger and pepper on the palate.
■ Cucumber Gin (RRP £35, every year the distillers steep shiraz grapes from nearby vineyards in its Four Pillars Rare independents and also Majestic where it is £32.99 in a buy six

deal): This was created by The

Dry Gin. The whole, destemmed grapes, are steeped for eight

is pressed before blending with more Rare Dry Gin. The gin is pale cerise in colour; there's spicy juniper, vanilla, a fling with earth and herbs and a sweet cherry, spicy kick. Very tasty.
■ I'll share more gins before Ginuary is done.

ALSO IN MY GLASS ... It's nice to know you can do something for someone else just by sipping a glass of wine. South African wine producer Nederburg has teamed up with a charity to establish a bicycle assembly facility in the Western Cape. It will provide cycles to local people to help them be mobile and access education, healthcare and jobs.

As part of its #DoYourPart campaign, Nederburg is donating 5p from every purchase of selected wines at Tesco until the end of this month (and there's a chance to win a road bike). Look out for 56 Hundred Pinot Noir, 56 Hundred Pinot Grigio, and 56

Hundred Shiraz (all £5.75). I've had a tasting preview of 56 Hundred Pinot Grigio (13% abv). It is a pleasant, refreshing affair. It has light notes of pears and flowers and can be a great party pourer or will help you unwind without worrying too much about price.

■ Jane is a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Find her on social media and online as One Foot in the Grapes.

FANCY something a little different with your favourite carb?

"Dried porcini mushrooms give this ragout a deep, satisfying taste and are a perfect match with the earthy cavolo nero," says Rita.

"It's best to use black beluga or French Puy lentils, as they will keep their shape when cooked.

"Serve on top of a roasted sweet potato, or with your choice of pasta or cooked grain."

INGREDIENTS

4 medium sweet potatoes 20g dried porcini mushrooms 250g beluga or Puy lentils 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped 1½tbsp herbes de Provence 400g fin chopped tomatoes 500g cavalo nero (or Savoy cabbage) torn or cut into smaller pieces Salt and pepper

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/

gas mark 6.
2. Place the sweet potatoes on a baking tray and cook for

+ EXTRA 10%



WINTER WARMER LENTIL AND PORCINI RAGOUT (SERVES 4)

45 minutes until tender. 3. Place the dried mushrooms in a heatresistant bowl and pour over 250ml boiling water, leaving to rehydrate for 15-20 minutes. Drain and reserve soaking liquid, then roughly chop the mushrooms. 4. Wash the lentils in a fine mesh sieve then place them in a pan with one litre of water. Bring to the boil with the lid on, then reduce the heat and leave to simmer for 20-25 minutes. Drain any

and set aside. 5. In a pan over a medium heat, cook the mushrooms with their soaking liquid and

remaining cooking liquid

the garlic. After a minute, add the herbes de Provence and the tomatoes and cook for another two to three minutes. Add the lentils and season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes. If it looks too dry, add some more water. When the lentils are cooked, add the cavolo nero or Savoy cabbage. Cook for eight to 10 minutes, until soft and done. 6. Remove the sweet potatoes from the oven. make a deep slit in the top of each one and open them up a bit. Fill with the ragout and serve immediately.

COOKING for company doesn't have to be tons of hard work.

"These tomatoes are perfect for a shared meal with friends," says Rita.

"You can prepare them in advance and cook just before serving, meaning you are free to join your guests and not be stuck in the kitchen.

"Serve with a salad for a tasty but simple meal.

INGREDIENTS

50g pine nuts 1 medium onion, finely chopped ½tsp allspice 35g currants, soaked 25g fresh dill, chopped 300g wholegrain basmati rice 8 medium sized tomatoes

METHOD

1. Soak the basmati rice for

a bit of colour

at least 30 minutes, then rinse and drain.

2. Preheat the oven to 180°C/ gas mark 4. 3. Heat a frying pan over

medium heat, add the pine nuts and toast until golden brown. Set aside. 4. To make the pilaf, cook the

chopped onion with a splash of water in a medium-sized pan over a medium heat until soft, adding a little more water if needed.

5. Add the allspice, currants, toasted pine nuts, half the

dill and a pinch of salt and

PILAF-STUFFED TOMATOES

(SERVES 4)

gently mix. **6.** Add the basmati rice and stir well, then add 750ml of

7. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and cook the rice for the time indicated on the packet.

8. Meanwhile, cut the tops

off the tomatoes and scoop out the seeds and core. Once the pilaf is cooked, fill the tomatoes with this rice mixture.

9. Place the tomatoes on a baking tray and cook in the oven for 15-20 minutes.

10. Scatter the remaining dill over the tomatoes to serve

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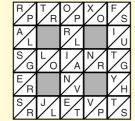
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Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword



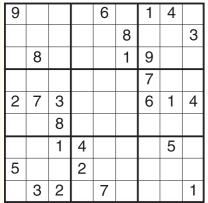
Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy

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Hard



Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

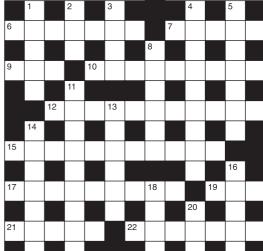
Cryptic

Across

- 6. New part under construction in Belgium (7)
- 7. Get on a governing body
- 9. Boring part (3)
- 10. Anyway, it's where the customs may look (2.3.4)
- 12. Legitimate justification for holding entertainment? (11)
- 15. It has been stirred up by modern paintings or Coventry's rebuilding (11)
- 17. He goes to court for a simple quarrel (9)
- 19. Crafty insect? (3)
- 21. Is in suspense (5)
- 22. Weapon range? (7)

Down

- 1. It is struck by forgers (5)
- 2. A law breaking instrument (3)
- 3. Might be in or even out (4)
- 4. A crowd of a hundred heading the right way (9) 5. Act as chairman
- but show partiality in advance? (7)
- 8. Falsely disloyal (6) 11. Bird which is not all crest (9)
- 13. The rest of the layers depend on them (6)
- 14. He brings you produce of mine
- 16. It facilitates the movement of
- arms (5) 18. Odd fuel outlet (4)
- 20. Has turned into wood (3)



Scribble pad

Quick

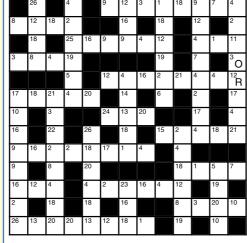
- 6. Belgian port (7)
- 7. Committee (5)
- 9. Piece (3)
- 10. No matter what (2.3.4)
- 12. Entertainment sites (11)
- 15. Dispute (11)
- 17. Source of civil
- action (9) 19 Insect (3)
- 21. Dangles (5)
- 22. Report (7)

Down

- 1. Forging block (5)
- 2. Hand tool (3)
- 3. Metal (4)
- 4. Throng (9)
- 5. Exercise authority (7)
- 8. False (6)
- 11. Game bird (9)
- 13. Perches (6)
- 14. Fuel deliverer (7)
- 16. Arm joint (5)
- 18. Chimney shaft (4)
- 20. Residue (3)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid 1. represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you car write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted There is one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate:

15 words - average; 20 words - good; 25 words - very good; 30 or more - excellent.

Quiz

Actor and comedian Miles Jupp first found fame playing Archie the Inventor in which children's TV show of the Noughties? Which river flows from the Pennines in Cumbria to the North Sea via Middlesbrough? Who wrote the Just William stories? from Tower Hill to

Which factory moved Llantrisant in 1968? What covenant, delivered to Moses



Q1 - Miles Jupp

on two stone tablets. is also known as the Decalogue? How many labours were performed by Heracles? Which insect is also known as a white ant? In which US state are the Everglades? Which Czech composer is best known for his Ninth Symphony, From the

New World? What does RSPCA stand for?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Happy Feet, Puss in Boots, Madagascar, Kung Fu Panda, Flushed Away, Ice Age, The Nightmare Before Christmas, A Bug's Life, Chicken Run, Monsters Inc., Ratatouille, How to Train Your Dragon, Toy Story, Finding Nemo, Over the Hedge, Shark Tale, Despicable Me, Chicken Little, The Incredibles.

Quiz

1. The Last Post; 2. Royal Greenwich Observatory; 3. Sicily; 4. Royal Institution; 5. Mount Everest; 6. Aida; 7. Uranium: 8. Oliver Cromwell: 9. Queen Victoria; 10. Excalibur.

Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 7 Collaboration; 8 Complete; 9 Bats; 10 Cohere; 12 Treaty; 14 Hearse 16 Decamp: 18 Zinc: 20 Taciturn: 22 Jet-propulsion. Down: 1 Monotone; 2 Elapse: 3 Able: 4 Arrested: 5 Stable: 6 Foot; 11 Election; 13 Tomorrow; 15 Recipe; 17 Cutest; 19 Item; 21 Club.

Wordsquare WAREHOUSE

Sudoku

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From nourishing cookbooks to wellness-approved body bibles, **LIZ CONNOR** finds page-turners for better mental and physical health this year

ANUARY is, typically, the time to delete Domino's from your speed dial, stop idly scrolling through Instagram and make some solid plans to atone for the unmentionable sins committed during Twixmas - the ambiguous period between Christmas and New Year, when most of us lose all sense of time and calories consumed.
Thankfully, there's a whole slew

of new book releases that will help you to better your lifestyle habits this year - whether you're on a mission to shed weight, achieve the body of an Adonis or are simply resolving to live a healthier life.

From gut-friendly recipe ideas to Joe Wicks' latest diet tome, there's something for everyone in our pick of the best new health books.

So, switch your phone onto aeroplane mode, grab yourself a kale smoothie and huddle up under a blanket - you're going to need some serious spare time to get through this lot.

THE MODEL METHOD by Hollie Grant (Pikatus, £16.99)

EX-PASTRY chef and Pilates teacher Hollie Grant has become the poster girl

for moving away from fad diets, thanks to her 'strong not skinny' ethos.

Her latest book. The Model Method, is all about

eating and sweating your way to a flexible bod and lifelong wellness.

As well as heaps of nourishing recipes, there are Pilates and HIIT-inspired exercises to help strengthen, tone and bring mindful

THE FAT-LOSS PLAN: 100 QUICK AND **EASY RECIPES WITH WORKOUTS** by

Joe Wicks (Pan Macmillan (£16.99) WITH over one million books already sold, which gym-lover



hasn't tried Joe Wicks' famous Lean In 15 series?

If vou're looking to shed a few pounds (or achieve the enviable abs of Mr Wicks), his

latest instalment will help you to lose weight through guided diet plans and handy meal prep tips.

There are over 100 delicious recipes for busy people who don't have hours to spend in the kitchen, as well as a handful of Wicksapproved workouts to try.

Sadly, no amount of salad or sit ups will help you to achieve his enviable good looks though.

THE HEALTHY GUT HANDBOOK by Justine Pattison (Seven Dials (£14.99) CONSIDERING the rise in kimchi,



This practical guide to boosting vour microbiome is a handy cheat sheet for anyone

who hasn't vet iumped on the trend.

There's a 28-day guide to eating with vour gut in mind, alongside 80 simple recipes that won't disrupt

vour good bacteria - from sweet potato and spinach dhal to spiced chicken and rice salad.

THE DOCTOR'S KITCHEN by Dr Rupy Aujla (Harper Thorsons, £14.99) WHO better to tell you how to eat your way to wellness than an actual

That's the idea behind Dr Rupy Aujla's refreshingly honest cookbook, The Doctor's Kitchen.

As an advocate for food as medicine, Dr Aujla has loads of



advice and remedies for everyday health issues as well as healing recipes designed to supercharge your wellbeing.

Putting down the pizza and fries doesn't necessarily mean turning to rabbit food either.

The recipes are surprisingly delicious and you can get stuck into everything, from sweet Bombay potatoes to Mexican black bean

THE FOOD EFFECT DIET by Dr Michelle Braude (Little Brown Group, £13.99) EVERYONE knows the worst thing about a January health kick is going

without your favourite foods namely wine, chocolate and pasta. Rather amazingly, Dr Michelle

Braude's new diet bible claims it can help you to shed six pounds in

four weeks - and you won't have to give up the holy trinity of food vices either.

Believing that healthy eating shouldn't be about restriction, she offers menu plans which can

be adapted to suit different lifestyle and nutritional needs.

Great news for vegans too – the $\,$ only significant 'no, no' here is red

THE ULTIMATE FODMAP COOKBOOK

by Heather Thomas (Vermilion, £13.99) IF YOU suffer from digestive issues chances are you'll have a whole blacklist of evil foods that will leave you writhing on the floor in pain.

Thankfully, the FODMAP regimen has revolutionised eating for the two in 10 people who live with IBS (irritable bowel syndrome) in the UK, and there are loads of new gut-friendly recipe books on the subject to provide inspiration.



This one has over 100 delicious recipes that won't upset your stomach - from breakfast and lunch to dinner and supper.

VEGAN 100: OVER 100 INCREDIBLE RECIPES FROM @AVANTGARDEVEGAN

by Gaz Oakley (Quadrille, £20, available January 25)

INSTAGRAMMERS will probably know Gaz Oakley as @avantgardevegan, the plantpowered chef who cooks up some seriously tasty, cruelty-free dishes.

Now the Insta-star has turned his account into a recipe book in a bid to inspire others to try their hand at meat-free cooking too.

With everything from fried 'chicken,' 'fillet steak' wellington and summer berry mousse cake, this book will dispel the myth that going vegan means miserably chowing down on chickpeas and

THE 4 PILLAR PLAN by Dr Rangan Chatterjee (Penguin Life, £12.99) FORGET Whole30, Atkins and 5:2. this year we'll all be following The 4 Pillar Plan.

This revolutionary guide to taking the reigns of your life revolves around, yep, you guessed it, four key pillars: relaxation,

food, sleep and movement.

Rather than going on a crazy diet and detox binge, Dr Rangan Chatterjee - star of BBC1's Doctor In The House – suggests making small, achievable changes in each of these key areas to bring balance and happiness to your life.

You'll be serenely drifting to work like a floating feather in no time.

ANATOMY OF A SCANDAL by Sarah Vaughan (Simon and Schuster, hardback £12.99, ebook £4.99. Available January 11)

CHARISMATIC and charming junior minister James Whitehouse is accused of raping a parliamentary aide he

was having an affair with. His wife Sophie is determined to stand by him, while barrister Kate Woodcroft works tirelessly to prove him guilty. So far, so generic crime novel. However, the many secrets of this novel are in the telling. Multiple storytellers spin strands in the past and present which together form a gripping, and steely narrative. Vaughan's storytelling is not only masterful, but its themes will linger in the mind, long after it's been put down.

CLOSE TO HOME by Cara Hunter (Penguin,

paperback £7.99, ebook £4.99. Available January 12)

WHAT has happened to Daisy Mason? That is the question this psychological thriller tries to answer. Police

are called in to investigate an eight-year-old girl's disappearance. The story is set in the present day, with a series of dated flashbacks to events before Daisy vanished. There are press excerpts, police interviews and social media posts included in the text as the story unfolds. The result is an immersive experience, with twists and turns, making for compulsive reading

THE TRUTH AND LIES OF ELLA BLACK by

Emily Barr (Penguin, paperback £7.99, ebook £4.99. Available January 11)

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EMILY BARR hit all the right teen-fiction notes in last year's The One Memory Of Flora Banks, and this book is

in the same vein. Ella's parents are doting, to the point of smothering, but they don't know about the dark and twisty part of her, that threatens to destroy everything. Ella is getting by, but then her parents whisk her out of school and put her on a plane to Rio. Tackling mental health issues, teen anxiety, first love and more, it covers the right ground, but lacks pace, and is a touch predictable.

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HOT HOUSE

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spacious semi-detached house has just gone on the market in Harlow and boasts three double bedrooms. The home, in Manor Road, also has a large garden and kitchen making it an ideal choice for families. The property is located in the heart of Old Harlow and is within walking distance to Harlow Mill Station.

There is a en-suite to the master bedroom and a ground floor bathroom. If the buyers wish, there is also the potential to create a private driveway.

On the ground floor there is an entrance hall, which benefits from laminated wood flooring, and a large living / dining room – measuring 21m by 15m. This room also has laminate flooring, UPVC windows and two double radiators – meaning keeping it warm will not be an issue.

Between the downstairs bathroom and under-stairs storage cupboard is a handily-located utility room. This has tiled flooring, a side window and plumbing for a tumble dryer. The downstairs tiled bathroom measures $5m \times 6m$. This means there is plenty of space for the enclosed bath with mixer taps, low-flush WC and hand wash basin with pedestal.

The kitchen has a gas hob and electric oven as well as plumbing for a dishwasher and washing machine and space for a fridge/freezer. The room has been extended so that it measures 16m x 11m and has access to the rear garden via a set of patio doors.

The garden is mainly lawn but does have a couple of raised beds. These could either be used for plants or veg – depending on how green-fingered you are.

All three bedrooms upstairs

All three bedrooms upstairs have double radiators, power points and double glazed windows. The master bedroom has an en-suite and the third bedroom a TV point.

room a TV point.

The en-suite has a fully-tiled shower cubicle, wash basin and WC. There is also tiled flooring, a heated towel rail and extractor fan.

The Manor Road property is on the market for £360,000. It is being marketed by Kings Group in Church Langley who can be contacted on 01279 949045.







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Ultra Violet,

right!

With the colour purple set to rule.

GABRIELLE FAGAN asks three decor experts how to make best use of this daring shade

> Essence velvet cushion in Regal Purple & Moss, £34, The

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Marble velvet cushion,

urely one of the grandest hues on the colour wheel, with its associations with royalty, wizardry and luxury, purple is the hot shade for 2018. Ever since colour gurus Pantone announced Ultra Violet - their

interpretation of the shade made from a combination of blue and red tones as their new Colour of the Year there's been a virtual avalanche of

homeware and accessories in plummy shades.

This powerful colour is definitely not for faint-hearted decoristas, or those who think daring is moving from white to a pale shade of grey.

Even Leatrice Eiseman, Pantone's executive director. describes Ultra Violet as a "dramatically provocative and thoughtful purple

But used cleverly, it can look pretty as well as punchy - you just need to get the dose right!

Here, three decor experts reveal how to enjoy a full-blown purple passion, 'flirt' with quirky purple accents, or 'double date' by blending blue and

GO FULL-ON PASSION FOR PURPLE

"Ultra Violet has already sent shock waves through the interior design fraternity," says Sophie Robinson, interior designer and former judge on BBC's The Great Interior Design Challenge, whose living

£95, Heal's (heals.com) room reflects her enthusiasm for purple.

"It's a real Marmite colour, people either love it or hate it, but I'm a purple lover. I adore its intensity and vibrancy It's a really uplifting, feel-good colour and I can't wait to see it popping up in the best dressed interiors.

"My advice," Sophie adds, "leave behind all thoughts of Cadbury Cream Eggs, Barney the Dinosaur and

Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen in all his purple velvet suited glory, and embrace the new power of purple.

"Don't be tempted to simply paint a feature wall in Ultra Violet and leave it

"Instead, keep walls neutral and let soft furnishings do the work for you. "If you're using florals, mix them

with geometrics for a more interesting look and do something unexpected.

"For me, a pop of neon colour for a cushion and candles lifted my living

room scheme. "The great thing about Ultra Violet is that it can hold its own with a diverse range of colours.

"It can act as a dark foil for acid brights, a cool partner for hot hues, and a safe anchor for delicate pastels.'

FLIRT WITH PUNCHY PURPLE ACCENTS

"This exciting choice for Colour of the Year works brilliantly in many different ways,

for all different interior schemes, enthuses Brian Woulfe, founder and managing director, Designed By

"If you're brave, go hard on block colours and mix this vibrant hue with other visceral and stimulating colours

in your home in a Mondrian style. This will give your space a stylish edge because this is a heady cocktail of punkish rebellion and regal opulence.

"Alternatively, intoxicating purple sits wonderfully with the popular grey, earthy tones which have dominated the

interiors scene for so long.

"Alongside greys and ochre, purple tones are softened and can be seamlessly integrated to a pre-existing scheme," Brian continues

"Another great way to introduce a softer version of Ultra Violet is to opt for cashmere or wool soft furnishings in this punchy tone, or use the shade for silk or satin piping for an on-trend trim for cushions, curtains or armchairs."



PARTNER MOODY BLUES WITH PURPLES

'Purple's long been associated with spirituality, mystery and contemplation, and Ultra Violet is no exception," says Hannah Thistlethwaite, textiles buyer, Heal's.

"Inspired by the night sky, it's full of possibilities. Pairing Ultra Violet with serene shades of blue could have an ethereal effect. For a luxurious take on the trend, I'd recommend sofas and armchairs in inky navy or midnight black, with amethyst cushions and throws to provide subtle pops of colour from the same palette," Hannah adds. "Finally, add a pendant light or a

table lamp in soft copper to catch the light and add brightness to the overall look. So, while the psychedelic hue is certainly a statement, be bold, and you'll reap the benefits of a space that is altogether other-worldly."











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eing one of the world's most famous TV chat show hosts, actresses and Hollywood movers and shakers might help attract buyers when selling a home, many people would assume. But not so for 59-year-old Ellen DeGeneres who is trying to offload a former home but is struggling to attract offers since putting it on the market in April last year.

Five years ago Ellen and her wife Portia de Rossi bought the house, which is in the hills above Santa Barbara in California, and later featured heavily in Ellen's book, Home.

Known as The Villa it was designed and built by archi-tect Wallace Frost during the 1930s after he returned from Italy. After Ellen and Portia purchased the 10,500 sa ft property for \$26.5m in May 2013, they expanded and

modernised it. The Villa now has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms, nine fireplaces, several libraries, a marble-topped chef's kitchen and several formal entertainment rooms. They also added a pool, tennis court and security system and bought two adjacent properties.

Their original asking price of \$45m has now been dropped to £39.5m. But they're not waiting for a sale before moving home. The couple have recently bought two other properties in California including an \$18.6m oceanfront home near Santa Barbara and a historic ranch for \$7.2m in the 'weekend getaway' town of Montecito. This property is also next door to Oprah Winfrev.

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not to be sorry to see it go."

Buckinghamshire.

Beel House is back on the market.

the property, which is near Amersham in

The current owner is asking £3.95 million for

More information from Knight Frank (01494

uring the 1970s and 80s a good Christmas meant an hour sat in front of the TV watching The Two Ronnies Christmas Special on the BBC awash with cheeky jokes, innocent gags and famous guests including Elton John, David Essex and Elaine Paige.

These specials became such an institution that there was genuine national mourning in 1987 when their final Christmas show was aired. The end of their specials was prompted largely by both men's desire to do more solo projects, although Barker was already suffering the effects of his heavy smoking, which eventually helped cause his death in 2005 from heart failure, aged 76. But his work endures today.

Barker's 1976 sketch



'Four Candles' about a man ordering 'fork handles' in a hardware store, but being misunderstood, was recently voted one of the best TV sketches of all time.

Barker enjoyed a prolific career far beyond The Two Ronnies including, before it, working with David Frost on his famous Frost Reports during the 1960s, and later with the prison comedy Porridge and corner shop sitcom Open

All Hours.

He was born in Bedford but brought up in Oxford and developed his comedy and singing talents at the local school. His former family home from 1935 to 1949, a two-bedroom end-ofterrace house, is now for sale with a blue plaque outside. The property is for sale at £350,000 through local agent Premier Residential Sales & Lettings (01865 792299).

WHAT THE DICKENS!

Keen readers of Charles Dickens will recognise this historic street.

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Minor Canon Row features in the final and unfinished novel he was writing in 1870 called The Mystery of Edwin Drood just before his death in June that year. Within it the street is referred to as 'Corner' rather than 'Row.' The novel is set in the fictitious town of Cloisterham – a lightly-disguised Rochester. It was a city Dickens knew well after living there for 10 years prior to his death, and which featured in two of his other novels;



The Pickwick Papers and Great Expectations.

In The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Dickens says "Minor Canon Corner was a quiet place in the shadow of the Cathedral, which the cawing of the rooks, the echoing footsteps of rare passers, the sound of the Cathedral bell, or the roll of the Cathedral organ, seemed to render more quiet than absolute silence".

Minor Canon Row was built in 1723 to house minor clergy working at the cathedral next door and, after later falling into disrepair, was bought by a trust in 2008 and restored in 2011. One of the houses is now for sale.

Grade I listed No.2 Minor Canon Row which was also the childhood home of Shakespearean actress Sybil Thorndike, is on the market for £1.125 million. It has four bedrooms, two reception rooms, two bathrooms, a games room and a garage – useful in a city with tight parking restrictions. More information from Jackson-Stops (020 7664 6646).



Currie is remembered both for having an affair with John Major during the 1980s and sparking a salmonella scare while a junior health minister. She was MP for South

Derbyshire for 14 years until 1997 but in 1986 got a job within the Major government. But her time in the limelight came to an end in December 1988 when she said that "most of the egg production in

this country, sadly, is now affected with salmonella". Her comments weren't technically true - the flock, not production, was infected. Then in 2002 Edwina published an autobiography in which she revealed an affair with now former PM John Maior.

During this time, Currie's home was a Grade II listed converted windmill between Derby and Burton-upon-Trent. The Tower House is now for sale and dates from 1715. It has recently been renovated and now offers luxury living including three reception rooms, an indoor pool, five bedrooms including two within the converted windmill, and an annexe in the drive that has room for four cars and a one-bedroom flat above it.

The property is on the market with Fine & Country (01332 973881) for £850,000.



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YOUR GARDEN With Diarmuid Gavin

or 2017, Pantone declared that 'Greenery' was their colour of the year. A zesty green, it hit the right notes, particularly for gardeners, and was adopted by many interior designers who brought outdoor themes, patterns and colours inside.

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Pantone's colour for 2018 is Ultra Violet.

Flowers on the violet-to-purple spectrum are very beautiful and useful in the garden as they seem to go with or complement most other flower colours.

Along with lavender, salvias are becoming increasingly popular with varieties such as 'Mainacht,' Amistad' and 'Caradonna' all performing well with long-lasting flowers.

There are some beautiful purple penstemons, a really deep one being 'Purple Passion,' and stalwart performers such as hardy geraniums and nepeta that will bloom prolifically.

However, I'm not sure Ultra Violet will work as a paint colour for our outdoor schemes - it's quite a light purple and in our gentle northern light we need stronger shades, such as aubergine, when painting walls and fences.

But looking at it in a more symbolic way, the colour purple is often associated with creativity, originality, non-conformity and mystical and spiritual qualities.

As we look to the year ahead in gardening, we could adopt any one of these attributes as our theme.

Gardening is the ideal arena for self-expression, individuality and connecting with nature and the universe, and is being increasingly

recognised as beneficial

to mental

and physical

Don't shrink from This wonderful shade of the colour purple is set to dominate design throughout 2018 Ultra Violet

wellbeing. Whether a novice or experienced gardener, there are tangible benefits to spending time outdoors, nurturing and tending our plots.

And even if you don't have any outdoor space yourself or perhaps just a small balcony area, make 2018 the year you give yourself more time to appreciate nature and the great outdoors.

The Japanese have a concept called shinrin-yoku, which translates as forest bathing – this is the practice of taking a short, leisurely walk through a forest for health benefits.

Visit local parks, botanic gardens, woodlands and National Trust gardens – we have a very rich heritage of gardening to admire and draw inspiration from. In your own garden, in keeping with the emphasis on mindfulness and living in the present, consider creating a contemplative area just to rest or meditate in – a comfortable seat with a restful focal point to gaze upon, such as a beautiful tree, a piece of sculpture or water feature.

Growing more veg is always top of my new year's resolutions. Rainbow eating is the latest health trend – eating as many different coloured fruit and veg as possible to incorporate all the vitamins and minerals you need.

Inspired by the purple theme, I could grow purple potatoes, which are supposed to be so much richer in antioxidants, containing three times more polyphenols than their white counterparts.

'Purple Majesty' is an early maincrop variety so I'll need to get buying and chitting in early January to be ready for March planting. Other purple superfoods containing

Other purple superfoods containing health-boosting anthocyanins include purple broccoli, cabbage and kale, so I'll starting browsing the veg catalogues for spring planting selections.

In the meantime, Happy New Year

to you all – I'm really looking forward to sharing another year's gardening with you. Please continue to send in your plant queries and observations – I love to hear what's going in your plots!



Time to prepare for the year ahead

■ MID winter is a time to prepare for the busy spring period ahead. It's a good time to take stock of your garden shed or garage where you store tools, and inspect them. Some may need cleaning, oiling, repair or replacement. Could your lawn mower do with a service?

Nifty shades... purple potatoes, broccoli or even cauliflower will all set the right tones, for the Ultra Violet look, as will Canterbury Bells, main image

- START collecting egg boxes as these make great chitting boxes for getting seed potatoes off to a successful start.
- PRUNE roses while dormant.

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

- AS hellebore flowers emerge, remove old foliage which looks a bit raggedy now.
- FOR sweeter earlier stems, force rhubarb by covering crowns with a dark bucket to exclude the light.
- CLEAN bird baths and feeders as bacteria that builds up can become poisonous. Also, keep a steady supply of food out.



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ASK DIARMUID

QTHIS plant self seeded in my garden and I would love to know what it is. I have taken it to a few garden centres and nurseries but nobody seems to know.

There have been a few guesses, from ragweed to wild parsley, but no one can be sure. Please help, as not knowing is so frustrating! William Anderson

AIT does look very similar to ragweed, Ambrosia artemisiifolia, an American native which has made its way over here and is notable for its wind-blown pollen

which is highly allergenic.

However, my best guess is Artemisia vulgaris, or mugwort, an aromatic perennial often found in weedy areas such as roadside verges. The leaves and flowers look botanically similar and if you lift the underside of the leaves you will find them silvery and woolly, a characteristic of this particular plant.

PLANT OF THE WEEK

BAPTISIA PINK LEMONADE

WILL you grow something completely new in 2018? Hayloft plants, which is known for unusual plants, have this new offering. Baptisia, a hardy perennial, was once grown for the dye extracted from its striking blue flowers as a substitute for the more expensive Indignofera

However, this variety has yellow

flowers that turn pink and mauve. It's a very pretty plant that would look lovely in a cottage or prairie-style planting scheme.
Baptisia like to be undisturbed once planted - ideally in well drained soil in the sun.

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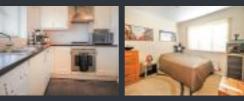
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 Outskirts of Harlow
 Walking Distance to Sh



Offers in excess of £195,995

- Two Bedroom Maisonette
 Close to Train Station & Hospital
 Close to Harlow Town Centre
 Gas Central Heating
 Double Glazing
 Fitted Kitchen and Bathroom
 Offered with No Onward Chain



£278.950

- End of Terrace Private Estate
- Garage En-Bloc
- Gas Radiator Central Heating



THE MAPLES

- Chain Free
- Popular Sought After Location
- In Need of Modernisation
- Lounge 15'11 x 11'8



POTTERS FIELD Offers Over £279,995

Kitchen 15'11 x 9'3

• Two Double Bedrooms

Downstairs Cloakroom

- End of Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Popular Location Gas Central Heating



- hree Bedroom Family Home



OFFERS OVER £280,000

- Double Glazina
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Viewing Recommended
- - Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home

 - Two Allocated Parking Spaces Close to Schools



- Sought After Location of Old Harlow
- Lounge 10'5 x 23'9
- Dining Room 10'1 x 9'7
- Modern Kitchen 17'3 x 8'11



EAST PARK

- Close to Old Harlow High Street
- Walking Distance of Harlow Mill Train Station
- Close to Local Schools



GOOD

SIZE

• Three Bedroom Home • Mid Terrace Potter Street Location Gas Central Heating

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BARN MEAD

- Three Bedroom Home
- Mid Terrace
- Large Lounge Diner
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom



£290,000

- Three Bedroom Town House
 Own Drive
 Close to Schools & Amenities
 Good Size Garden
 Downstalis Clookroom
 Fitted Kitchen
 Lounge & Dining Area



• Close to Local Amenities & Schools

£290,000

£323,000

Good Sized Bedrooms

Double Glazing

- Kitchen Diner
 Utility Room & Downstairs Cloakroom
 Modern Fitted Bathroom
 Viewing Recommended



Offers in excess of £284,995

- Allocated Parking Space
 Outskirts of Harlow
 Open Plan Lounge Diner
 Double Glazing



- £285,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
 Close to Harlow Common
 Unoverlooked Garden
 Good Size Lounge Diner
 Close to Schools & Shops
 Lounge Diner 166 x 9/11
 Bathroom & Separate WC







CHURCH LANGLEY

- Extended Family Home
- Three Bedrooms Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- · Walking Distance to Local Supermarket.
- No Onward Chain



£349,995

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace Home
 Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
 Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Allocated Parkina
- Conservatory
 Close to All Amenities



OIEO £450,000

- Three/Four bedroom Property
 Potential for loft conversion (subject to planning
 Parking for five vehicles
 Double Gazing & GCH

- Spacious Lounge/dining area
 Family friendly rear garden
 Two annexes in garden area offering both living ac



BROOKLANE FIELD

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Sought After Area Good Access M11/M25

Needs Updating.

- Close to All Amenities
- Utility Room

£378,995

• Lounge & Separate Dining Room Good Potential



- Three Bedroom Cottage Semi-Detached
- Kitchen & Dining Room
- Gas Central Heating

 Double Glazing





- Four Bedroom Detached
 Kitchen & Dining Area
 Downstairs Bathroom
 Downstairs Bedroom & en-suite
- LoungeDouble GaragingUnderfloor heating



ONGAR

• Three Bedroom Bungalow

- · Family Bathroom



• Two Further Dorma Rooms

£575,000

- High Specification Throughout
- Dressing Room

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EWMANS END £2,500 PCM

- En-suite to Master
- Semi Rural Location
- EPC Rating D
- Must Be Viewed
- Beautiful Views
- Parking
- Available Now



HAWBRIDGE £1,150 PCM

- Three Bed House
- Close To Schools
- White Goods Only
- EPC Rating D
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available 9th Feb



£775 PCM

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• EPC Ratina D

£1,100 PCM

- Modern Property
- Must Be Viewed
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Oven Only



£825 PCM

- Top Floor
- EPC Rating D

NEW

LISTING

- * Admin Fees Apply



Oven Only Shower Only Garden

NEW

LISTING

• EPC Rating C

- * Admin Fees Apply

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HERONS WOOD, HARLOW

- FOUR BED DETACHED
 LARGE EXTENSIONS
 GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
 CLOAK ROOM

- LARGE PLOT
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 GAS HEATING
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



GREAT PLUMTREE, HARLOW

- THREE BEDROOM TERRACE
 FITTED KITCHEN
 CLOSE TO AMENITIES
 RECENTLY RE-DECORATED
- GAS HEATING
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 NO ONWARD CHAIN
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



ABBEYDALE CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY £297,500

- TWO BED SEMI GARAGE & DRIVEWAY SOUTH FACING GARDEN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 GAS HEATING
 VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



ST ANDREWS MEADOW, HARLOW

- TWO BED END TERRACE
 ALLOCATED PARKING
 PRIVATE LOCATION
 NO ONWARD CHAIN

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWSGAS HEATINGVIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



CHURCH LEYS, HARLOW TWO BED TERRACE GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION TWO RECEPTION ROOMS SOUTH FACING GARDEN

- £275,000

- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 GAS HEATING
 WHITE BATHROOM SUITE
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



- ONE BED GROUND FLOOR FLAT
 PRIVATE LOCATION
 ALLOCATED PARKING

- NO ONWARD CHAIN

- LONG LEASE
 UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
 GAS HEATING
 INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE

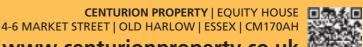
















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WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

- · Chain Free • Popular Location
- Two Bedrooms
- - Ground Floor
 - Storage Shed • EPC Rating : D



£262,500

CARTERS MEAD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- No Work Required Conservatory
- End Terrace Property
- Great Access For M11 • EPC Rating: D



WATERHOUSE MOOR, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms Utility Room
- No Ónward Chain
- End Of Terrace Drop Kerb In Place • EPC Rating: D



WEDGEWOOD DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Two Parking Spaces
- No Onward Chain
- End Terrace
- Separate Dining Room • EPC Rating; D



£295.000

CARTERS MEAD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Decor Off Street Parking
- Mid Terrace Property



£285,000

EAST PARK, OLD HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms No Work Required
- Mid Terrace Property
- Lounge/ Diner
 EPC Rating: D Views Over Woodland



£330,000

CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedroom
- Garage & Off Street Parking



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Link Detached
- Driveway
 En-Suite



£395,000

ALLENS GREEN, SAWBRIDGEWORTH

- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan
 Off Street Parking
- Mid Terrace
- EPC Ratina: D
- FLINT LANE, NEWHALL
- Three Bedrooms

£400.000

- Two Bathrooms
- Sun Terrace
- Under Floor Heating
- Parking
 EPC Rating: TBC



£419.995

HEATHCOTE GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three/ Four Bedroom
- South Facing Garden
- Detached Property
- EPC Ratina: E



GUIDE PRICE: £435,000 - £455,000 **CHURCHGATE STREET, OLD HARLOW**

- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Plannina Granted
- Semi Detached
 Sought After Location
- EPC Rating: TBC



PETAL LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Bedrooms En- Suite Bathroom Landscaped Gardens
- Study/ Bedroom Four Fully Integrated KitchenEPC Rating: C

449,995

CANNONS LANE, HATFIELD BROAD OAK THE BARNS, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms Village Location Views Over Fields
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Receptions
 EPC Rating: TBC
- 650,000
- Three Bedrooms Two Bathrooms Semi Detached
- · Walk To Station
 - Courtyard Setting • EPC Rating: E



£1,150,000

HOGGS FARM, MATCHING TYE

- Four Bedrooms
- Grade II Listed
- Two Receptions Detached
- Chain Free • EPC Rating: TBC













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BISHOPS STORTFORD \$2269,950 BISHOPS STORTFORD [Bells Hill]. All offers considered. Vacant possession. 3 bedroom cottage with a courtyard garden, separate lounge and dining room, first floor bathroom. Close to facilities. Rarely available character cottage. Stamp Duty free for first time buyers. Sole agents.



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\$214,300 SAWBINIGEWORT (West noat), Stunning character cottage close to town centre with many period features including exposed brickwork, fireplaces and original wooden flooring. Fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, 2 bedrooms, rear garden backing on to open fields, double glazing and gas fired heating. Vacant possession and no onward chain.



325,000 LITTLE CANFIELD (Warwick Fazis, Jou LITHE CANFIELD (WarMick Road). Immediate vacant possession and no onward chain. 3 bedroom semi-detached modern house with a fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c., lounge/diner, 3 bedrooms, en-suite and main bathroom, enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



Wharf). Vacant possession and no onward chain Ground floor 2 bedroom riverside apartment with its own private decked outside entertaining area en-suite to master bedroom, further bathroom and a modern fully fitted kitchen. Fantastic views ove the River Stort. Short walk to station. Excellen rental potential. Move in before Christmas.



£395,000 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Cox's Gardens). Modern 3 bedroom home with an open plan kitchen/dining room, impressive sitting room, downstairs cloakroom, main bathroom plus ensuite single garage and plus en-suite, single garage and parking. Beautifuly presented. Sole agents.



FROM £395,000 COMING SOON (Sawbridgeworth). Small town centre development of 2 brand new semi-detached bungalows and two 2 bedroom detached houses. Finished to an extremely high standard in a unique small development, close to the town centre and walking distance of the station. Phone now for preliminary details. Completion due in March.



£464,950 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Springhal 12464,950 SAWBHIDGEWORT IN [Springhal Road]. A bedroom home set in a prime position within the village, ideal for schooling and village centre. Impressive sitting room balcony, modern kitchen/dining room with raised private terrace, utility, main bathroom plus ground floor shower room, parking for 2 cars, landscaped rear garden. Sole agents.



GUIDE PRICE £500,000 HARLOW GUIDE PRICE ±500,000 HARLOW. Fantastic detached 4 bedroom family home with a 65ft south facing rear garden, garage and parking, playroom/ office, large living room opening through to dining room, en-suite bathroom. Well maintained. Owners found and keen to move. Sole agents.



£538,950 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Chartwell Place), READN TO MOVE IN TO 3 double bedroom, 2 bathroom luxury home in a gated development with a kitchen/dining room, utility, large sitting room, enclosed rear garden, driveway and carport. Walking distance from station and town centre. Vacant possession and no onward chain.



£555,000 BISHOPS STORTFORD (Dove £555,000 BISHOPS STUNTFORD (μουν Close). 4 bedroom detached home with an extensive driveway, parking, single garage and office. High quality kitchen/ dining room, sitting room, family room, cloakroom, master bedroom with balcomy and en-suite shower room, main family bathroom, 40ft garden. Sole agents.



£695,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Great Hyde Hall). Georgian style 4 bedroom spacious family home with a double garage, front and rear gardens, 2 bath/shower rooms, 3 reception rooms, 40 acres of communal grounds. 10 mins walk to station. Superb views and a stunning location. Sole agents.



2760,000 WRIGHTS GREEN.
Immaculate detached 4 bedroom family
home with stunning views over National
Trust land, large living room, dining
room, study, playroom, utility, kitchen,
en-suite shower/dressing room,
extensive frontage with a sweeping
gravel driveway. Sole agents.



4 double bedrom detached house with a high quality contemporary finish, good size south facing garden, large double garage, magnificent kitchen/family room, sitting room, study, en-suile, luxury bathroom, further shower room, excellent parking, gated location. Sole agents.



£1,275,000 GREAT DUNMOW (Ongar Road). Fabulous barn conversion in excess of 5,000 sqft. Stunning location, gated drive, detached independent 1 bedroom cottage, tennis court, pavilion, 2.8 acres, superb views. Offered with vacant possession. High specification. Sole agents.



£1,695,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Allens Green). 4,000 sq ft country home sitting in 7 acres of beautiful grounds. Gated "in and out entrance, detached double garage, plenty of outbuildings, stabling and views over countryside. Easy access to both Bishops Stortford and Sawbridgeworth. Sole agents.



2695pcm SAWBRIDGEWO.... Road). One bedroom first floor apartment situated in a central location in the heart of the installation and the station. Brigh Sawbridgeworth, just a short walk from all local amenities including mainline station. Bright iving room, fitted kitchen with appliances, pathroom and bedroom with bed frame and itted wardrobe. Available early February.



£925pcm HAI FIELD BHOAD UAR (Lage End). 2 bedroom mid-terrace unfurnished cottage in a popular village location, only a short walk from facilities and a short drive to station. Open plan living/dining area, kitchen with breakfast bar, two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. There is a garden to rear plus parking. Available immediately.



loorings). A well presented, 2 bedroom econd floor apartment situated in a convenien location just a short walk from mainline station and other local amenities. Bright lounge with over the river, fitted kitchen with appliances, bathroom and two bedrooms. Allocated parking and communal gardens. Available January.



£1095pcm BISHOPS STROTFORD (Cannons Close). 2 bed semi detached bungalow situated in a quiet location. Presented to a high standard throughout, fitted bathroom and kitchen, 2 good size bedrooms and a bright lounge with doors overlooking the rear garden. Rear garden and driveway parking for one car as well as casua parking on the street. Available Now



Court). 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom ground floor unfurnished apartment only a short walk from the mainline station. Entrance hall, bathroom kitchen room with integrated appliances, sitting room, master bedroom with dressing area, en-suite shower room and balcony, jurther bedroom. Available late January.



Road). Immaculately presented, 3 bedroom home situated in an ideal location within short nome situated in an ideal location within short walking distance of all local amenities. Living room, stunning open plan kitchen and dining area, brand new bathroom and three bedrooms. Good size rear garden and permit parking on theroad to the front. Available now



£1395pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Crest). 3 bedroom extremely well presented family home only a short walk from amenities. 3 bedrooms to first floor plus shower room, with a sitting room opening through to kitchen/diner to ground floor, garden to rear and casual parking to front. Unfurnished and available immediately.



£1795pcm BARNSTON (Bishops Green). 3 bedroom detached chalet bungalow set in just over three acres of private land which is bedroom detached chalet bungalow set in just over three acres of private land which is maintained. Entrance hall, ground floo bedroom with bathroom, kitchen/breakfasr room, utility, sitting room, dining area, study with 2 bedrooms and shower room to the firs floor. Ample parking, detached double garage



£2750pcm MATCHING GREEN (Downhall Road). Detached 4 bedroom family home in a Road). Detached 4 bedroom family home in a highly sought after location and only a short drive from facilities. Large kitchen with separate utility, opens onto sitting/dining room area with bi-folding doors, ground floor bedroom and 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to the first floor, parking and detached double garage.



£2750pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Drive). We are delighted to be able to offer that six bedroom family home situated in a prestigious location and offering excellent accommodation. The property is only a short walk from the town centre and mainline station and comprises six bedrooms, garden to rear and off road parking to front. Available Now



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REGENCY COURT, HARLOW

- Lounge/Diner
 Communal Garden
 Chain Free
 Ground Floor
 Apartment

- Apartment
 Residents Parking
 EPC Rating: D
- £149,995



FELMONGERS, HARLOW

- First FloorPopular Location

- Balcony
 Large Apartment
 Lounge/Diner
 Chain Free
 EPC Rating: C





THE CHASE, HARLOW

- One bearoom
 Decked Courtyard
 Open Plan
 Chain Free
 Apartment
 Ground Floor
 Allocated Parking

- Allocated ParkingEPC Rating: TBC
- £192,500



CANOPY LANE, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
 Allocated Parking
 Modern Fitted Kitchen
 Chain Free
 Second Floor Apartment
 Popular Location
 Intercom Entry System
 EPC Rating: C

- £214,995



ALEXANDRA ROAD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
 Allocated Parking
 Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
 First Floor
 Apartment
 Popular Location
 Large Loft
 EPC Rating: TBC

- £219,995



BLACKBUSH SPRING. HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
 Lounge/Diner
 Large Rear Garden
 Popular Location
 End Terrace
 Modern Fitted Kitchen
 Westerly Garden
 EPC Rating: TBC

- £259,995



FENNELLS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/DinerCloakroom/WC
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
 Popular Location
 Outskirts Of Town
 EPC Rating: D





GREEN HILLS, HARLOW

- Two ReceptionsPopular Location
- CHAIN FREE
 Terraced Home
 Conservatory
- Enclosed Garden
 EPC Rating: D
- £264,995



LONG LEY, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
 Popular Location
 CHAIN FREE
- Terraced Home
 Modern Kitchen
- Private Garden
 EPC Rating: E

£264,995



UPPER MEALINES, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
 Ground Floor WC
 Chain Free
 End Of Terrace
 Extended Press

- Extended Property
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: D



SPRUCE HILL, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
 Lounge/Diner
 Ground Floor WC
 Middle Terrace
- Popular Location
 Fitted Wardrobes
 EPC Rating:TBC

£279,995



PEACOCKS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
 Modern Kitchen
 Allocated Parking
 End Of Terrace
- Popular Location
 Close To Amenities
 EPC Rating: D



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH

- LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
 Lounge/Diner
 Cloakroom/W.C
 Garage To Rear
 Terraced Home
 Croudace Build
 Southerly Garder
 EPC Rating: C

£294,995



WATERHOUSE MOOR. HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Lounge/Diner
 Conservatory
 Double Driveway
 Terraced House
 Popular Location
 Chain Free
 EPC Rating: D

£299,995



WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

£284,995

- Three Bedrooms
 Conservatory
 Lounge/Diner
 Chain Free
 End Terrace Bungalow
 Southerly Garden
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: C
- £299,995



GLAN AVON MEWS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Three Bedrooms
 Allocated Parking
 Modern Kitchen/Diner
 Well Presented
 End Terrace Home
 Quiet Cul-De-Sac
 Ground Floor WC
 EPC Rating: TBC

£304.995



EAST PARK, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Immaculate Throughout
 Large Convservatory
 Desirable Location
 Middle Terrace
 Low Maintenace Garden
 Overlooking Green
 EPC Rating: D

£330.000



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Driveway
 Two Receptions
 Chain Free
 Semi Detached
- Popular Location
 Potential To Extend (STPP)
 EPC Rating: TBC

£339.995



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PRIORY COURT, HARLOW

- Necently Redecorated
 Driveway
 Overlooking Latton Common
 Town House
 Ensuite To Master
 Private Class
- Private CloseEPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



RUNDELLS, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
 Garage & Driveway
 Extended
 Chain Free
 Semi Detached
 Desirable Location
 Three Peccentions
- Three ReceptionsEPC Rating: TBC

£349,995



PYENEST ROAD, HARLOW

- Driveway
 Un-Overlooked Garden
- Un-Overlooked Garder

 Popular Location
 Semi Detached
 Two Reception Rooms
 Ground Floor WC
 EPC Rating: TBC

£369,995



CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
 Two Receptions
 Cloakroom/WC
 Garage & Driveway
 Link Detached
 En-Suite Shower
 Popular Location
 EPC Rating: D

£374,995



CHALLINOR, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
 Two Receptions
 Private Rear Garden
 Garage & Drive
 Detached House
 Immaculate Home
 En-Suite & W.C
 EPC Rating: D
- £384,995



CORNER MEADOW, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Garage & Driveway
 Private Development
 Chain Free
 Detached
 Well Presented
 Three/Four Receptions
 EPC Rating: D

£399,995



MOSS LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
 Sun Terrace
- Link Detacried
 Two Receptions
 Ground Floor WC
 EPC Rating: B

£399,995



MILLERSDALE, HARLOW

- Two ReceptionsKitchen/Brkfst Room

- Kitchen/Brktst Room
 Garage & Drive
 Detached Home
 Long Gardens
 Cul-De-Sac Location
 EPC Rating: D

£429,995



ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
 Well Presented
- Chain Free
- Detached Home
 Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
 EPC Rating: TBC

£449,995



CHELSEA GARDENS, **CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Five/Six Bedrooms

- Two Receptions
 En-Suite Shower
 Garage & Drive
 Utility & W.C
- Riptide Swim Spa
 EPC Rating: TBC

£549,995



CHELSEA GARDENS, HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- I've Bedrooms
 Two Reception Rooms
 Southerly Garden
 Tandem Garage & Driveway
 Detached Home
 Guiet Cul-De-Sac
 WC & Willify Room
 EPC Rating: TBC

£559,995



RIPLEY VIEW, LOUGHTON

- Four Bedrooms

- Three Receptions
 Kitchen/Breakfast Room
 Garage & Driveway
 Detached Home
- Generous Plot
 Development Potential (STP)
 EPC Rating: E



WOODLEYS, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
 Lounge/Diner
 Popular Location
 Chain Free
 Ground Floor
 Apartment
 Modern Kitchen
 EPC Rating: D



BOWHILL WAY, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
 Lounge/Diner
 Modern Kitchen
 Allocated Parking
 Ground Floor
 Apartment
 Close To Amenities
 EPC Rating: B

£209,995



THE DOWNS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
 Lounge/Diner
 Utility Room
 Chain Free
 Terraced Home
 Close To Town Centre
 Modern Kitchen
 EPC Rating: TBC

£274,995



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
 Kitchen/Diner
- Kitchen/Diner
 Cloakroom W.C
 CHAIN FREE
 Terraced House
 En-Suite Shower
 Parking To Rear
 EPC Rating: C

£284.995



LITTLE CATTINS, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
 Lounge/diner
 Cloakroom/WC
 Modern Kitchen
 End Of Terrace
 Garage To Rear
 Allocated Parkin
 EPC Rating: D

£300.000



PRIORY AVENUE, OLD **HARLOW**

- Four/Five Double Bedrooms
 Three/Four Receptions
 Carriage Driveway
 Three Ensuites
 Detached Family Home
 Large Outbuilding
 Well Presented
 EPC Rating: D

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£680 PCM

Amberry Court



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom first floor flat that is situated in close proximity to the shops and amenities of bush fair, The property is in excellent order and in internal viewing is advised. Available now. EPC - C.

′£750 PCM

Regency Court



Elwood

£925 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom semi-detatched home in the sought after area of Elwood, Church Langley. This property benefits from allocated parking, gas heating and is close to shops and amenities. Available Now. EPC - D.

1200 PCM

Longfield



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom flat in close proximity to Harlow town centre with its shops and an The property is available early March and offered part furnished. EPC - C.

£690 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this spacious two bedroom flat Tye , The property is available now and offered part furnished. EPC- E.

Shawbridge



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom house in popular location of church Langley The property is offered furnished and available mid January, a viewing is advised. Available mid January. EPC - C.

£950 PCM



Lovely three bedroom house within walking distance of Bush Fair. Comprising entrance hallway, large fitted kitchen with space for dining table, good sized lounge, three bedrooms and bathroom. Manageable rear garden. Available NOW!. EPC -E.

£1225 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom top floor flat It has been recently refurbished, the property is offered p nished and is available early February. An early viewing is vised to avoid disappointment. EPC - D.

£725 PCM

The Readings



Guardian are delighted to offer for rent this lovely two bedroom maisonette close to the Staple Tye. This first/top floor property is offered part furnished. Gas heating, double glazed windows two large bedrooms and wooden floors. Available now. EPC C

′£845 PCM



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house located within walking distance to the shops and amenities of Staple Tye, an internal viewing is advised. The property is available early February, EPC - D

£1000 PCM



Guardian Residential Lettings are very pleased to offer this great three bedro family home with garage in the popular turning of Doulton Close, Church airs WC, fitted kitchen, lounge to rear, three bedrooms with ensuite to master and family bathroom. EPC - D

£1275 PCM

Doulton Close



Located in this popular area. One bedroom, unfurnished, ground floor flat in good decorative order. Property comp fitted kitchen, lounge, bedroom, bathroom and allocated parking. Available early March. EPC - D.

£725 PCM

Markwell Wood



Great two bedroom top floor apartment in Priory Court, on the heating, two double bedrooms and balcony. Available early February - call to view. EPC - C.

′£885 PCM

Priory Court



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom House, the property is in excellent condition throughout and is available property is in excellent condition throughout and is early march. An internal viewing is advised. EPC - D.

£1195 PCM



Ideal for NHS professional requiring immaculate, fully furnished accommodation within walking distance of Princess Alexandra Hospital, available early January, EPC - B.

£1450 PCM

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WHEELS

FIRST DRIVE: McLaren 720S by Mike Torpey

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T'S one of the most exalted creatures on the planet – lightning fast, super efficient and deadly.

Mere mention of the name Great White Shark can send a shiver up the spine as visions of a 2.5-ton torpedoshaped killing machine enter the mind's eye.

And what better design model for the stylists at McLaren to use for its latest supercar than this menacing yet beautifully elegant master of the seas.

McLaren may be best known for its Formula 1 pedigree – 182 Grand Prix race wins and a dozen world championships – but in recent times it has also been a privately owned manufacturer of cars that include models valued well in excess of £1 million.

Now, just seven years after the inception of McLaren Automotive, the Wokingbased brand is entering a new era as it replaces a model line for the first time, and with it raises the stakes in the supercar arena.

Its latest arrival, the McLaren 720S, is the new flagship of the company's Super Series – the supercar family at the heart of the brand.

As reflected in its name, the newcomer delivers a volcanic 720bhp _ capable of blasting the supercar to 62mph in just 2.9 seconds, to 124mph in 7.8 seconds and on to a top speed of 212mph.

Braking is equally impressive, the lightweight 720S coming to a halt from 124mph in just 4.6 seconds, in the space of 117 metres.

It all comes courtesy of a 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 engine which has 41 per cent new parts compared to the 3.8-litre unit that continues to feature in the McLaren Sports Series.

A design feature in the new model is the absence of radiator intakes on the side of the car, a function now carried out by the "double-skin" aerodynamic form of the doors, which channel air to the radiators that cool the mid-mounted engine.

mid-mounted engine.
Every road car built by
McLaren since the F1 in
1993 has had a carbon fibre
chassis, something that
underpins the construction
of the new 720S.

And at the press driving

exercise came a promise from McLaren that, despite its thunderous degree of power, the car would prove it could be comfortably, efficiently and pretty effortlessly driven just like any more mainstream vehicle.

So the countryside of middle England rather than a high-speed racetrack became the testing ground for the 720S – and it proved a revelation.

Hopping in and out once those space age butterfly doors are opened can be challenging for anyone with a bad back or dodgy hip, but once in place both driver and passenger will find the cockpit to be a cosseting and engaging place to reside.

The performance figures speak for themselves, though it's worth emphasising that throttle response has been calibrated to deliver the best blend of instant reaction and progressive control, hardwiring the driver to the powertrain in the process.

Its character can be altered using an Active Dynamics Panel located in the centre console, with a choice of Comfort, Sport or Track modes, the latter ensuring ferociously quick gear changes while Comfort provides more relaxed shifts for gentler pottering.

And a new generation of McLaren's Proactive Chassis Control, new suspension and the power-assisted steering, combine to deliver the car's grip, balance and performance, while the hand-crafted cockpit with its fine leathers and machined aluminium features the new McLaren driver interface, which comprises a folding driver display and infotainment screen.

Prices are £208,600 for the standard 720S and £218,020 for the 720S Performance and Luxury variants, though there are plenty of extras on the options list – our test model had the best part of £48,000 worth of added goodies ranging from twin-spoke forged lightweight wheels with titanium liquid metal finish for £3,080 to a noselifting function that helps with access to car parks.

On returning home my daughter asked me whether I would prefer to be given a supercar or a racehorse.

Interesting one that, and definitely a gamble in there somewhere. What's certain is that the right supercar is absolutely certain to appreciate in value.



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ROAD TEST: Honda Civic 1.0 VTEC Turbo SR by Lee Gibson



hile many car makers prefer evolution rather than revolution when updating popular models, Honda's approach with its stalwart Civic has been quite the opposite in recent times.

When the eighth generation model was unveiled in 2005 its wedgy profile, geometric lines and triangular exhaust pipes polarised opinions somewhat.

Although some of the sharp edges were subsequently smoothed out for the next iteration, the Japanese brand was at it again when the tenth generation model hit the roads earlier this year.

Totally reworked from the ground up, the UK-built family hatchback got yet another bold, new style, this time dialling up the muscularity.

Wider, longer, and lower than any of its predecessors the latest Civic is the most aggressive and dynamic looking to date, as well as the most aerodynamic, with imposing decorative air intakes front and rear; bulging wheel arches; and not one, but two rear spoilers.

Underpinning this sporty and distinctive design is a lighter, more rigid bodyshell and sophisticated new suspension which combine to make it a more enjoyable and engaging car to drive - and a more comfortable one to ride in.

Handling is sharp and nimble and the levels of grip inspire confidence, while the quick and direct steering is well weighted and responsive.

The low-slung seating position will also appeal to enthusiastic drivers, with the re-worked 'cockpit' laid out to put all major controls and the touchscreen interface within easy reach.

Power currently comes from a choice of 1.0 and 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engines, the latter available exclusively with higher grade Sport and Prestige models. If you want a diesel you'll have to wait until March next year (2018) when a

comprehensively revised 120ps 1.6-litre option will join the range.

I drove the 1.0-litre version, which is a three-cylinder unit kicking out 129ps and proves a perky all-rounder, offering similar low-end pull to a diesel, decent economy at a claimed 55.4 miles per gallon and, although typically vocal under acceleration, is otherwise pleasantly refined.

The 1.5-litre version obviously offers better outright pace but the smaller unit never feels underpowered.

Some compromises have been made in practicality to accommodate the eyecatching new looks of the Civic

The innovative 'Magic Seats' that featured in the rear of the previous car - which flipped up cinemastyle to create a large load space - have gone and the swooping coupe-style roofline means that six-footers risk getting a cricked neck sitting in the back.

That said, though, this is still a very roomy and

versatile family hatchback. There is plenty of legroom in the rear, where the car's extra width also means that three adults can sit in much more comfort than is afforded by many rivals.

The boot, at 478 litres, is also one of the largest in class and features a generous hidden compartment under the floor.

Load capacity in the SR trim car I drove rises to 1,267 litres with the 60/40 rear seats folded down.

The innovative tonneau

cover is also a highlight, spooling from side to side instead of the usual front to rear, making it much more compact and easy to stow when not in use

when not in use.
Interior quality befits
Honda's efforts of late to
move upmarket, with plenty
of soft-touch surfaces and a
well-made feel to everything
as well as good personal
storage space.

Equipment levels are also generous and it is particularly noteworthy that an enhanced suite of safety features - including automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise control, and lane keep assist - is standard across the range.

Other standard kit on midlevel SR trim includes alloy wheels, dual-zone climate control, reversing camera, satnay, seven-inch touchscreen interface and digital radio.

The new muscular looks may not be to everyone's taste the but the Civic has plenty to offer if you're looking for a well-equipped, spacious family hatchback that's good to drive.



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MOTORING NEWS: with Stewart Smith

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PASSAT'S UPGRADE

olkswagen is upgrading equipment levels for the Passat range including LED lighting improvements, incar entertainment and connectivity.

LED headlights are now standard on the SE Business, GT and Alltrack trims and the Passat R-Line now features Premium LED headlights.

Every new Passat now comes with Volkswagen's App-Connect system as standard. App-Connect enables the driver or a passenger to link a smartphone to the car via a USB cable.

This allows users to play music and playlists on the move. The car will also read out text messages and allow the user to dictate a reply.

A wide variety of other apps are available including Spotify and Skype. App-Connect works with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and MirrorLink which means it is compatible with most smartphones.

Also included in the latest

Also included in the latest models are heated front seats as standard.

SE Business models now feature 3-Zone climate control which means the driver and front passenger can set the temperature for their area of the car. There are separate controls for the rear passengers as well.

Another update for the Passat SE Business is the addition of a colour multifunction display. The multi-



function computer gives the driver a variety of information about the status of their Passat.

The current Passat won the prestigious European Car of the Year award when it was launched in 2015, and it continues to offer a high level of value for money. The entry level Passat S 1.4 TSI saloon is now priced from £22,025 with the estate starting from £23,625.

Every model now includes Volkswagen's latest generation composition media infotainment system with an eight-inch colour touchscreen. The Passat S features power-assisted steering, an electronic handbrake with hill-hold function, and a driver alert system to monitor driver fatigue.

SE Business trim adds satellite navigation via Volkswagen's Discover Navigation infotainment system, with branded points of interest, three route options and preloaded European map data.

The cars also have adaptive cruise control, anticollision systems, parking sensors and electrically adjustable and foldable door mirrors.





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WHEELS

ROAD TEST: Aston Martin DB11 V12 Coupe by Robin Roberts

DYNAMIC DB11

ston Martin is on a roll and as part of its 'second century' plan it will be producing a new generation of SUV cars from an all-new factory at St Athan in South Wales.

In the meantime, the great British marque has recently recommissioned its famed Newport Pagnell facility for specialist projects and continues to make models at its new home in Gaydon, Warwickshire.

That's where the latest DB11 is made and it is the natural successor to the DB9 – the new figurehead for a series so many know and love, like the DB2/4, DB5 and the DB9 as well as the DB10 created for the James Bond film franchise.

The V12 engine in the DB11 is the most powerful regular production engine in an Aston Martin with advanced mechanical, software and fuel technology to stretch economy without detracting from the

performance and aural attributes of the powerhouse.

The figures really speak for themselves in acceleration 0 to 60 of 3.9 seconds, a top speed of 200mph and fuel consumption of 24mpg.

consumption of 24mpg. What is not seen in the raw statistics but felt though the driver's hands, feet and seat of pants is the way the DB11 steers, rides, handles, brakes, inspiring and impressing with every journey.

The new electronic brain in the V12 includes driver-chosen GT, Sport and Sport Plus modes to progressively sharpen responses from the engine and its highly sophisticated eight-speed ZF transmission which can be left to its own devices or manually massaged to bring out the best.

The cockpit is dominated by a 12-inch liquid crystal display for speedometer, tachometer and essential driver information and a centrally placed eight-inch infotainment screen for navigation, the high quality sound system and wifi connectivity, together with cameras and sensors to aid parking. Very wide opening doors

Very wide opening doors give excellent front seat access but it's more of a fiddle to squeeze into the two bucket back-seats and the legroom behind is very short and contrasts with that in front.

Headroom is adequate in the front, less so behind, and there is poor oddments room throughout and a relatively small boot of just 270 litres for a grand tourer of such calibre.

Fortunately, the DB11 is quick enough to make longer journeys easily accomplished and you do so in superb comfort thanks to the new platform and suspension.

It is slightly firm but not at all hard, it soaks up bumps and ridges without complaint or loss of composure and when you are pressing on around some twisting tracks it sticks like



glue thanks to its very big wheels and tyres with little roll or pitching

roll or pitching.

The handling is inspiring and safe, the electric steering pin sharp and progressive while the massive steel brakes result in dramatic deceleration.

It's a big car but with familiarity it actually feels smaller and that's down to its dynamic qualities and responses, its road-holding and agility. A driver is unlikely to ever find its limits of adhesion.

The leather filled interior is impressive and individual areas can be finished from a lengthy list of choices, but I thought the "marbled" door casings in the test car looked out of place.

The ultra smooth exterior

The ultra smooth exterior lines of the DB11 really flow from front to back, around both ends and over the roof

in a most satisfying style which captures airflow to improve stability and cooling at the same time.

Outwardly it engenders comments about its styling and inside it makes occupants comment on its luxury, but for the driver it simply makes your heart beat faster and makes you feel more at one with the world, and your DB11 or course.





MY18 RAV4 Hybrid Icon Tech 5 door FWD 2.5 VVT-i Auto. Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (I/100km): Urban 57.6 (4.9), Extra Urban 56.5 (5.0), Combined 57.6 (4.9). CO2 Emissions 115g/km. All mpg and CO2 figures quoted are sourced from official EU regulated laboratory test results. These are provided to allow comparisons between vehicles and may not reflect your actual driving experience.

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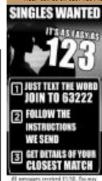
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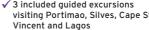
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Harlow Town's Junior Dadson looks to beat his man against Tooting & Mitcham United on Saturday

Champion Charlie is Hawks' saviour

Super sub nets last-gasp winner to ease drop fears

A DRAMATIC stoppage time winner from substitute Charlie Edwards secured a much needed maximum return as Harlow Town beat Tooting and Mitcham United 2-1 to ease their Bostik League Premier Division relegation

The triumph on Saturday lifted the Hawks to 19th in the league table, with 27 points from 27

The Hawks had gone ahead with a well-taken Alex Read fin-ish, before being pinned back by the visitors in a thrilling finale, with Edwards bagging his first goal for the club in the third minute of added time to seal a vital victory.

Substitutes Toby Ajala and Edwards combined with a neat one-two to put the latter through.

He slid the ball under the advancing goalkeeper in the third minute of added time much to the to the chagrin of the visitors.

The result was a big relief for manager Danny Chapman, who admitted this was turning into one of the toughest seasons so far for the club.

"We really needed those points and it takes us a little bit away from the bottom two," said Chap-man. "It's a confidence boost. In the past couple of games we've deserved something from it for our performances.

"Our performance on Saturday wasn't that good yet we've got something from the game.

'You can use that as a turning

more and he ended up putting Charlie through for the goal. "We had a lot of ball in the first

half and were very sloppy in all we did, and that was disappointing. "We needed to keep it better and

when Charlie came on we did better:

"A draw would probably have been a fair result.
"But this hopefully is a turning

Positive

"The boys kept plugging away. "We have a group of people who are positive in what needs to be achieved. There will be ups and downs but I'm 100 per cent sure we'll be okay.

point. "It was great goal to win the game. Toby gave us that little bit right back Paul Rogers."

"He did okay," said Chapman. "It's always difficult omeone coming straight in.

"He's someone I tried to get earlier in the season, so I'm pleased to have him on board.

"Craig Pope isn't too far away from fitness, so it's good competition.
"We've had a tough season with

injuries, but now virtually everyone is back there's no excuses and it's up to us to get us back up the

table again.
"I believe in the players, my staff and myself.

"We've had some great season over the years, but this has probably been the toughest because we've never found ourselves in this position.

"As much as I understand people's frustrations I will do it

the way I want to because there is no other way. "I believe come the last game in

April we will be okay."

The breakthrough came on 76 minutes when Read collected a low cross from Small inside the box. He turned and arrowed the ball into the bottom corner to put the hosts ahead.

The lead lasted nine minutes. As the Harlow defence looked to clear a Tooting attack, the ball fell loose. Chase O'Neill pounced on the opportunity and buried it beyond Hughes to draw the visitors

Then came the heart-stopping

climax, sending the Harlow fans home purring with delight.

HARLOW Town lost 3-0 to billericay Town in the Essex Senior Cup on Tuesday night.

Big Cats' latest win goes to wire

LEVETT Essex Leopards made it four wins on the bounce as they came from 15 points down in the first half to beat Westminster Warriors 75-73.

For the third successive time at Brentwood, the game went down to the final seconds before the Big Cats came out on top.

The result keeps Thomas Baker's team in the hunt for promotion with their next home game seeing leaders Nottingham Hoods visit Brentwood on

Saturday January 20 (7pm). Will Ashby led the way for the hosts, hitting three treys in a 20 point, four rebound three assist performance, while fellow

Brentwood boy Dougie Bennett added 18 points and four assists. Shaq Lewis again provided the spark off the bench with ten points and six boards, while Jamie Hayes added four points to a ten rebound performance.

Lawrebce Brown opened the scoring for the visitors, and Leopards struggled with Warriors' size. Warriors led throughout the opening period, and despite Ashby and Jerrell Layne hitting trevs, the Big Cats trailed 27-14 at the first break.

Hayes opened the second period scoring but back-to-back triples from Johnson saw Warriors' lead grow to 33-18.

This finally sparked the hosts into life, with Lewis converting a lay-up before Ashby scored seven straight points to cut the deficit

Warriors replied with six unanswered points before captain Bennett landed two triples as he hit ten points in a

13-2 to make it 41-38. Bennett continued that run with the opening score of the second half before Ashby gave Leopards their first lead of the game, and Caleb Taberner completed the 19-2 run to put the Big Cats 45-41 ahead three minutes into the period.

Evaporated

Warriors grabbed the lead back with an 8-2 run and the rest of the third period was nip and tuck before Leopards went into the final break with a 59-54 lead.

That lead quickly evaporated as Warriors scored six straight points to open the fourth period, before Lewis, Bennett and Ashby helped Leopards' reply with a 6-0 run of their own.

A Johnson triple saw Leopards' lead cut to 66-65 at the five minute mark but scores from Lewis and Ashby saw them lead by four heading into the final three minutes.

A steal and lay-up from Ashby extended that advantage before Hayes hit a pair at the line to

make it a five point game. Warriors cut Leopards' lead to two with 32 seconds on the clock. Good defence kept Leopards

ahead before Bennett was able to run the clock down and seal the win

The Big Cats travel to Derbyshire Arrows on Sunday.